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# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH"

"AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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Volume XXVI

Fort Wayne, Indiana.

January 4, 1968

No. 14

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## A PRAYER FOR 1968

May it be Thy will,

our God and God of our fathers,

that this coming year be unto all Thy people

..... a year of plenty

a year of blessings

a year of assembly in Thy sanctuary

a year of happy life from Thee

a year of dew and rain and warmth

a year in which Thou wilt bless our bread and water

a year in which Thy mercies will be moved toward us

a year of peace and tranquility

in which Thou wilt set a blessing

upon the work of our hands. .... Amen

- from an ancient Hebrew prayer

## CHRISTIAN WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

### Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet on Monday, January 8, at 8 P.M. with Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad, 1301 Lynn Ave. Program by Miss Ethel Shroyer; Worship by Miss Mildred Hartman.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Charles Eckert 8619 Decatur Rd. Tuesday, January 9, at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Robert Rayl; Worship by Mrs. James Ruble.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Donald Davenport, 4328 Hessen Cassel Rd. Wednesday, January 10, at 8 P.M. Program by Mrs. Davenport; Worship by Mrs. John Williams.

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### ASSOCIATED CHURCHES ANNUAL

MEETING .... The Associated Churches of Fort Wayne will have the annual meeting of the organization on Monday evening, January 22, at 6:30 at St. John's United Church of Christ, Webster at Washington. Cost of the dinner will be \$2.00, and reservations are to be made. Teachers in the Weekday Education program will present the program, with about 50 boys and girls participating. Mr. Hugh Rice has been chairman of the committee of the Associated Churches sponsoring this mobile-classroom instruction. Mr. Jack Williams has also been a member of the Board. All interested persons in the church are invited to attend this annual meeting.

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### PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Arza Smith is in room 466 Lutheran Hospital for surgery.

Mrs. Ray Fredericks is in room 221, Moellering Unit, Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Fredericks suffered a slipped disc.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, January 7

### ELDERS:

Dr. Henry Lee Butler

Bert W. Leversee

### Alternates -

William Crouse

Ralph Church

### DEACONS: Captain - Thomas Frappier

James Cain

Frank Moody

Paul Truby

LeRoy Timbrook

Paul Yentes

Max Finkhousen

Ray Loftin

John Clark

### Alternates -

Virgil Montgomery

Robert Schubel

Stanley Cole

Mark Snyder

### DEACONESSES - January 7, 14, 21

Mrs. S.E. Merriman

Mrs. Earl Plummer

### SUNDAY GREETERS - January 1968

Pairs and Spares Class

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St. John's, 1001 N. 10th St., Fort Wayne, Ind. 46802

the church, when designated for this chapel, or may be sent to the Inter-faith Commission of Allen County, in care of Associated Churches. Checks should be made out to "Citizens All Faith Committee."

#### CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

December 31, 1967

	Att.	Off.
Friendly Class	13	\$ 2.75
Progressive Class	28	18.65
Come Double Class	8	5.65
Berean Class	6	3.00
'58 Class	11	4.00
Pairs & Spares	11	4.25
Young Adults	5	1.50
High School	15	3.13
Junior High	14	2.60
Junior Dept.	20	6.48
Primary Dept.	18	2.69
Kindergarten	4	1.00
Nursery (2-4)	5	.71
Babes & Toddlers	3	.35
	161	\$ 56.78

#### TEACHERS MEETING

The teachers of the Church School are asked to meet in the church parlor for a ten minute session immediately following morning worship on next Sunday morning, January 7.

John Thompson, S.S.SUPT.

#### UNION PRAYER SERVICE

A union service of worship is planned for Friday evening, January 19, at the Lincolnshire Church of The Brethren, 6404 So. Calhoun, in connection with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Nine congregations have been invited to participate in this service, which is one of several during that week in the city, sponsored by the Inter-Faith Committee. The one-hour service will begin at 7:30.

#### PHOTOGRAPHY COMPLETED FOR THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

The last pictures for the pictorial church directory were made last week. An announcement of the date and time for seeing proofs will be mailed to families. Other copy and the membership roster are being completed. The directory, being published by United Church Directories of Galion, Ohio, will be published by early spring. A copy will be provided for each family whose picture appears in it, at no cost to the family or the church; additional copies may be ordered, at approximately \$1.00 each.

If changes of address are contemplated soon, please call Mrs. Vaught in church office as soon as you have your new address. Also if your telephone number is changed a call to the office will help make the new directory more accurate, and more serviceable.

The Women's Section of the Lay-Academy of Theological Studies will be held on five successive Mondays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, & March 4, 1968, at the First Baptist Church, 2323 Fairfield Ave. Hours from 10:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. with time out for a sack lunch. Each woman is to bring her own lunch. Coffee will be furnished.

Dr. Edward Blair, Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Garrett Graduate School of Theology, will teach the class. His topic will be, "Gospel, Epistle and Contemporary Living." The registration fee is \$15.00 and registrations are being accepted now. The class will be limited to the first 50 to register. Registration blanks can be obtained in the church office. Send a check for \$15.00 and registration blank to the Associated Churches.

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Andrew C. Cook ..... Church Treasurer  
~~John H. K. K.~~  
John Thompson ..... Church School Supt.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 1968

9:15 Church School

10:30 A.M. Morning worship -

(Nursery is provided for children  
and infants through 5)

## CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Sanctuary and High School Choirs -  
7:45 P.M. Thursdays

Chi Rho - 5:00 P.M. Sunday

CYF - 5:00 P.M. Sunday

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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CHI RHO will meet in upstairs study  
room at 5:00 P.M. for election and  
installation of new officers. Those who  
are going visiting before Chi Rho are  
asked to meet at the church at 3:00 PM.

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## DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION..

The District 1 Youth Commission will  
meet on Sunday, January 14, at 2:30  
at Kendallville.

Church attendance	272
Church School attendance	161
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1332.83
Church School Offering	56.78
Christmas Offering	10.00
U.C.F.A.	5.00
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	\$ 1904.60

## CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ..

\$ 9,243.31

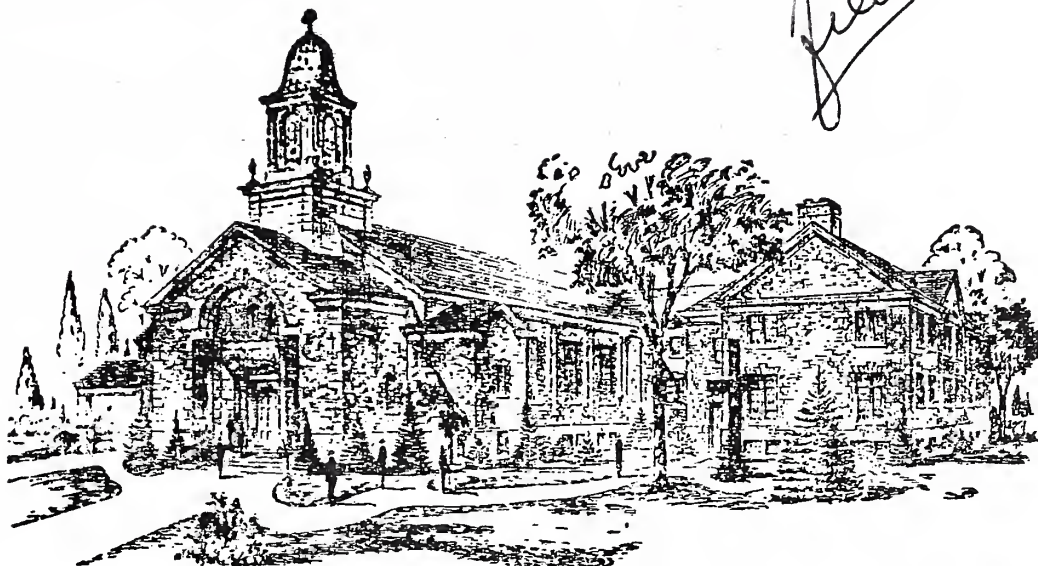
## First Board Meeting of The New Year!

The official board will meet on Tues-  
day, January 9, at 8:00 P.M. for its  
first session within the new fiscal year,  
as well as it being a new calendar year.  
Terms of office begin for officers, and  
elders, deacons and deaconesses. The  
functional committees are in process of  
being organized. The elders will meet  
at 7:30 P.M. prior to board meeting;  
the deacons will meet following the  
board meeting.

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## CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONVOCATION

Persons in our congregation in areas  
of leadership are urged to attend the dis-  
trict convocation of Christian Churches  
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cation in the church. Those urged to  
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CWF, CMF and CYF officers; and mem-  
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## CHURCH PROGRAM ON VIETNAM

The Christian Men's Fellowship is presenting a program of pertinent value this Saturday, January 13, which is open to not only men of the church, but to women and young people, and guests.

Mr. Ken Kurtz, news director of television station WANE-TV, will speak on the topic, "A Newsman Views the Situation in Vietnam." This will be an informative, timely program, and we are fortunate to secure a speaker who can appraise world affairs and has access to sources of news.

The Saturday meeting will include a fried-chicken luncheon beginning at 12:00. It is necessary that reservations be made, at \$1.50 per person, by calling Walter Birkhold, John Thompson or Bill Wilson before Friday evening.

Plan to attend this meeting, which will conclude at 1:30.

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A retreat for men will be conducted by the Indiana Christian Men's Fellowship, February 16-18, at Yokefellow Institute, Richmond, using the theme, "For A World Split in Two." Resource leaders will direct thinking on controversial issues facing Christians, communication between groups holding opposing views, and reconciliation. Information on reservations is available for men of the church.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### General Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, at 1:00 P.M. in Church Parlor. Our mission study for this half of the year will be: "SHOES AT THE THRESHOLD" a study on Japan. A short executive meeting will be in chapel at 12:45. Following the general business session at 1:00, Mrs. Dennis Andrew will give a 5-minute review of one of our new books. The program "The Faith of One in Japan" will be given by members of McGavran Group; Worship by the Spice Group; Kepple Group will serve as hostesses; Refreshments will be prepared by the Dye Group. Please make a special effort to be present for this meeting.

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### CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE

We had an approximate 400 pounds of good clothing which was brought in , in November.

February is the month when we are asked to bring good clean new or used blankets. The Groups will receive offerings from those wishing to help purchase new blankets.

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### PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Arza Smith is now recovering at her home.

Mrs. William Wilson is a patient in Room 322 Lutheran Hospital.

Word comes that Melvin Evans, son-in-law to Mr. Leversee, and one time member here at First Christian, suffered a fractured back,

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### NEW C.W.F. DIRECTOR

Mrs. Pauline Thames ("Tems") has begun her duties as new director of Indiana Christian Women's Fellowship, located at the Association of Christian Churches in Indiana. Indianapolis.

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Junior High	15	2.85
Junior Dept.	23	7.86
Primary Dept.	22	4.65
Kindergarten	6	1.00
Nursery 2-4	6	1.19
Babes & Toddlers	2	.28
	167	\$ 63.08

CHI RHOS - Come prepared next Sunday evening to play 'Bible Charades'. Meet at 5:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS MEETING

A meeting of teachers and leaders in the Sunday School is scheduled for the third Sunday of January, the 21st, from 2:00 until 3:00. John Thompson is superintendent of the Sunday School, and chairman of the education committee.

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### PERSONAL MENTION

We wish to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Nulf, 2827 Westbrook Dr., Apt. 232, into our fellowship. They united with this church on Sunday, January 7.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Alexander M. Campbell, Funeral service was held Monday of this week by the minister.

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### CYF ACTIVITY THIS WEEKEND

The CYF will send several representatives to the District 1 Youth Commission at Kendallville, Sunday, Jan. 14. The meeting will begin at 2:30; cars will leave from the church by 1:15, and from Marvin Crouse home at 1:30.

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This Sunday's program for CYF has been  
arranged by Sue Gump. A professional  
worker in problems of juvenile delin-  
quency, probation, etc., will speak.  
The CYF will also have a tobogganning  
outing this Saturday, January 13.  
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January 7, 1968

Church Attendance	248
Church School attendance	167
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1570.29
Church School offering	63.08
Christmas Offering	11.00
Building Fund	14.00
U.C.F.A.	9.00
	<u>\$ 1667.37</u>

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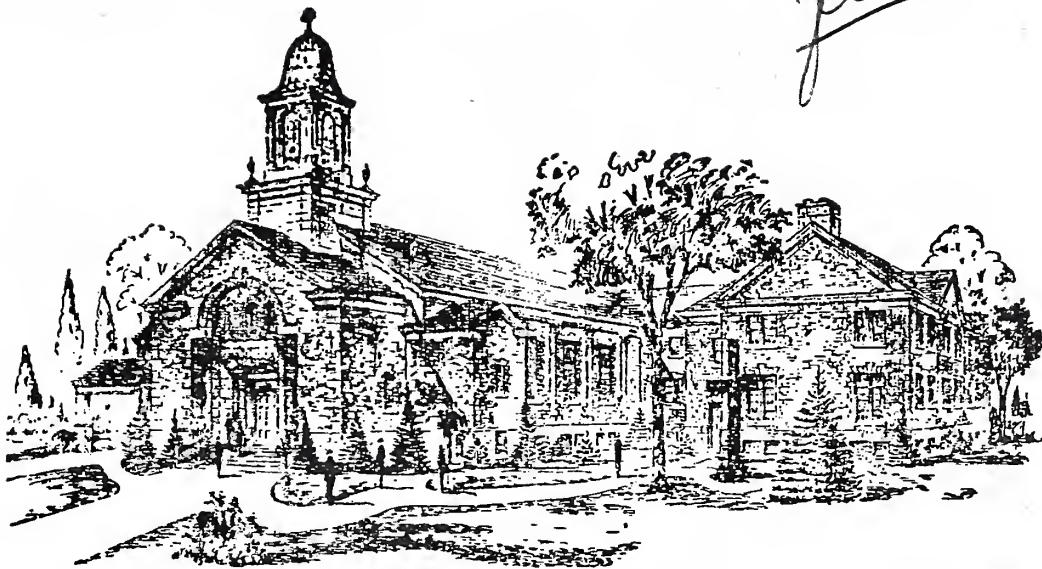
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### CALENDAR FOR LOCAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Events include: coffee hour and pro-  
gram on "Allen County and the Mi-  
grant Ministry", Jan. 24, St. Luke  
Lutheran Church; World Day of Prayer,  
March 1, St. Joseph Methodist Church;  
Coffee hour, April 17, South Wayne EUB,  
May Fellowship, May 3, First EUB  
Church.



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## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

"God has done a great work in leading his people toward full unity. Doors have been opened and walls of division are crumbling. Growth and development have taken place.

The theme of the 1968 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, "To the Praise of His Glory" stresses our gratitude for the oneness we already possess. Christians still kneel in repentance asking God to make us fully one. But they also stand upright and praise God for unity already given and witness to Christ in humble service to God's world. Ecumenical prayer helps us to be bridge builders of God's peace between men, races and nations.

The basic assumption is that the Church of Christ is already one. We insist on the given unity we already possess because of our common faith and baptism in the Lord Jesus. This given unity is by no means fully manifested, but Roman Catholics, Protestants, Anglicans and Orthodox are already brethren in the one Church of Christ.

An important need is a spiritual climate that will make Christians conscious of their oneness. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, is vital. It establishes a solidarity that renders us responsible for our brother before God."

(adapted from "Unity Trends")

Services will be held, one each evening of this Week of Prayer, in eight

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## DELTA FOOD PROJECT

Hunger is a real and large problem in our United States. It is estimated that millions in the U.S., suffer from malnutrition and starvation - mostly children. An area of critical need is the Mississippi Delta, where thousands are destitute.

Christians must be bothered by the plight of those poor; this week-end provides an opportunity to do something about it, through gifts of food to be trucked to the Delta region. Canned meats, canned or dried fruits and vegetables, canned milk, baby food, self-rising flour, sugar and soup mixes are needed (no perishables or glass containers.)

Bring your gifts of food before Monday, January 22, to the church; containers will be located in the church, then taken to a collection center at Northcrest on Monday.

Christian Churches are cooperating with several other denominations in this project, coordinated through the Brethren Service Center, Nappanee, Indiana.

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## CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONVOCATION

The Indiana Association of Christian Churches are sponsoring a district convocation on this Saturday, January 20, from 10:00 to 3:30 P.M. (A luncheon will be served.) First Christian Church Fort Wayne will host this meeting. Operation Partnership and the New Christian Life Curriculum will be presented. Board officers, CWF, CMF, & CYF officers, and members of Education, Outreach and Stewardship departments are urged to be present.

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WEEK OF COMPASSION and BROTHERHOOD WEEK, February 18-25.

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David Griggs

### Alternates:

Alfred Schell

John Merrill

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Arthur W. Mowery

E. M. O'Laughlin

Ralph Weesner

James W. Lehman

Merle D. Rice

Leon Johns

Herbert Banet

Marvin Crouse

### Alternates:

William Wilson

D. Wayne Penny

Robert Westerfield

Romane Cole

### DEACONESSES: January 21

Mrs. S. E. Merriman

Mrs. Earl Plummer

### SUNDAY GREETERS - January

Pairs & Spares Class

### Sunday Greeters - February

'58 Class

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WELCOME to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Martin, 4420 Kekionga Dr. Apt. #3, who placed their memberships with this church on last Sunday. They come from the Irvington Methodist Church, Indianapolis. They were formerly members of the Christian Church.

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Little Melinda Knight, daughter of Mrs. James Knight, is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

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The most influential of all educational factors is the conversation in a child's home.

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Junior High	12	2.50
Junior Dept.	22	6.66
Primary Dept	22	3.91
Kindergarten	9	1.27
Nursery (2-4)	6	1.81
Babes & Toddlers	3	.35
	159	\$ 64.68

CHI RHOS -- Mrs. J.C. Gerrard will be the guest of Chi Rho next Sunday when she will exhibit Bible-land dolls, and speak on their origins. Meet at 5:00 in the study room. Dismissal at 6:30 P.M.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS MEETING

There will be a meeting of teachers and leaders in the Sunday School on Sunday, January 21, from 2:00 until 3:00. John Thompson Church School Superintendent.

YMCA - "I believe that if earnest, devoted and self-denying men can be found to unite themselves together, God would smile upon their efforts, and much good might be done." So spoke George Williams, who founded the YMCA a century and a quarter ago. Such men have been found! They come from the churches of the great Christian faiths: Protestant, Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox. These are men who believe in the teachings of Jesus .....

## WEEK OF COMPASSION .....One

Great Hour of Sharing.

LIFE IN THE BALANCES . . . Every man needs a chance for life and self-respect. Many people are born into circumstances where opportunity for anything other than despair and hopelessness is almost non-existent. Week of Compassion is one avenue through which we can give life and hope to our brothers.

For many people, the scales of feeding tip heavily in favor of malnutrition and near starvation. Week of Compassion funds assure many mothers adequate food for the health and growth of their children.

FOR HOMELESS REFUGEES ... War is no respecter of age. The very old and the very young are particularly tragic victims of a problem as old as recorded history.

WHEN DISASTER STRIKES ... your continuing support of Week of Compassion brings emergency aid to those who must face the devastation and desolation that is the aftermath of disaster.

### FORT WAYNE COUNCIL CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

The first COFFEE HOUR and general meeting for 1968 of the Fort Wayne Council of Church Women United will be Wednesday, January 24 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 3601 Warsaw St. 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. The program: "Allen County and the Migrant Ministry" will be presented by Mrs. Ray Walther of First Presbyterian Church and Mrs. Calvin Armstrong of Simpson Methodist. These women worked closely with this program last summer, and it should be of great interest for all of us to hear what they have to say about this program. All members of local church groups are invited. Babysitting available at 25¢ per family.

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Dinner \$2.00. Mrs. William Love has  
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Church School Attendance	159
Regular Church Offering	\$ 998.60
Church School Offering	64.68
Christian Offering	2.00
Building Fund	13.00
	<u>\$ 1082.28</u>

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...  
\$ 9,243.31

### CHAIRMEN OF FUNCTIONAL DEPTS.

Departments of -

Stewardship & Finance - Herman  
Weber;

Outreach - Robert Hendricks

Communion Service & Social Action -  
Merle Rice

Evangelism - J. Fred Smell

Worship & Fine Arts - Dr. H. Lee Butler

Membership - David A. Griggs

Property & Care - Ted E. Bryan

Christian Education - John Thompson

Publicity and Promotion - Mark Snyder

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We express our sincere sympathy to the  
family of Mrs. Myrtle Drewett who  
passed away on Sunday night, January  
14, 1968. Services for Mrs. Drewett  
will be at the church on Wednesday.



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"THE FAMILY CHURCH"

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January 25, 1968

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## CONSIDER THE ICEBERG

Twenty teachers and leaders of your church school met for two hours last Sunday - the equivalent of 40 hours of work, planning, counsel and concern for the educational program of the church. This is characteristic of these Christian leaders, and of the time, effort and attention consistently expended.

We understand that up to 90 percent of the mass of an iceberg is beneath the surface, so that the visible portion of the berg is only a small part of the total. Mariners have a healthy respect for that total!

Comparably, a small part of a teacher's or leader's total content or potential is offered in a 60-minute session. Considerable study and preparation has sorted the choice material for presentation; resources have been sought and used; additional aides and means of making the lesson vital are developed; concern for and contact with class members is expressed; and, importantly, the background of personal faith and growing witness is shared. Moreover, most of these leaders also give of themselves in other capacities for service; fellowship, choir, committees or board. That one hour in the session may be the smallest portion of their total contribution to your class.

Consider the iceberg ... Consider the fullness of Christian education and growth. It merits each person and family responding, with appreciation, to the opportunity of the church school. Of the week's 168 hours, be in your class that one valuable hour.

PLEASE NOTE! . . . . A Workshop to train teachers for the Laubach Literacy program in Fort Wayne will be held February 5, 6, and 12th, from 9 to 12 Noon, at First Presbyterian Chapel Lounge. No previous teaching experience is needed. For further information or registration, call Mrs. Earl Johns, 744-5265, or Miss Olive Wear, 745-8366.

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 CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
 Monthly Group Meetings

The Higdon Group will meet with Mrs. Ralph Church, 5126 Werling Drive, on Thursday, February 1, at 7:45 P.M. Program by Mrs. W.J. Williams; Worship by Mrs. Irene Cline.

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 WEEK OF COMPASSION and BROTHERHOOD WEEK, February 18-25.  
 Theme: "A Matter of Life or Death"

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 "WHEN DISASTER STRIKES .. Any place Can Be a Target for Tragedy .....  
 Last year - heavy rains in Rio de Janeiro Brazel made 4,000 homeless; earthquake in Greece caused 500 to be homeless; winter floods in Laos caused 310,000 homeless; Floods in Florence, Italy; earthquakes in Lima, Peru; serious flood in Algeria, all causing great distruction and misery. Hundreds of thousands of pounds of clothing was sent to these suffering people. More than seven thousand blankets were distributed by Church World service. Who in the midwest section of the United States can forget the Palm Sunday tornado of 1965? Week of Compassion had a part in helping to receive and distribute tornado relief funds to assist the rebuilding of the Russiaville Christian Church in Indiana. Week of Compassion offerings are available when disaster strikes. "

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE  
 Officers serving Sunday, January 28  
 ELDERS:

Myron Cole  
 Rufus Quinn

Altemates:

J. Fred Smell  
 David Hogg

DEACONS: Captain - Thomas Frappier

Arthur W. Mowery  
 E.M. O'Laughlin  
 Ralph Weesner  
 James W. Lehman  
 Merle D. Rice  
 Leon H. Johns  
 Herbert Banet  
 Marvin L. Crouse

Altemates:

James Heavin  
 John C. Varner  
 George R. Davis  
 Vernon Moore

DEACONESSES : January 28, Feb. 4, 11.

Mrs. Hendricks Love  
 Mrs. Robert Hendricks

SUNDAY GREETERS - January

Pairs & Spares Class

Sunday Greeters - February

'58 Class

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Fred Hilker is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, Moellering Unit 201 and will undergo surgery on Wednesday of this week.

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CHI RHO will meet in Fellowship Hall next Sunday evening at 5:00. Come dressed in casual clothing for recreation. Brings records and guests. Dismissal at 7:30.

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How is the date of Easter determined?  
 See February World Call, page 9.

# CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, January 21, 1968

	Att.	Off.
Friendly Class	16	6.46
Progressive Class	25	15.25
Come Double Class	22	16.40
Berean Class	14	8.00
'58 Class	18	9.00
Pairs & Spares	11	6.75
High School Class	20	3.30
Junior High Dept.	16	2.25
Junior Dept.	30	8.52
Primary Dept.	26	3.91
Kindergarten	12	2.68
Nursery (2-4)	11	1.06
Babes & Toddlers	5	.51
	226	\$ 84.09

MEANING FOR CHILDREN ---Week of Compassion can have a significant meaning for children. By nature, children are very sensitive to needs and the suffering of others. Through the Week of Compassion observance, leaders of children have an excellent opportunity to teach the: love of God; brotherhood of man; spirit of compassion; privilege and responsibility of sharing.

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--YOUTH AND THE WORLD MISSION, edited by Bertie M. Layne, February WORLD CALL, p.32.

"'Agape,' then, must mean man's spiritual love for his fellowman. And it expresses itself in just such acts of selfless, sacrificial service as those sponsored by "Operation Agape" in Louisville's West End. In action and in attitude, 'agape' love is essentially Christian. It is the heartbeat of the Christian gospel in every age, as a word to grow and go by."

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Good teaching causes scholars to think, to do, to be.

## ASSOCIATED CHURCHES MEETING <sup>the program</sup>

Eighty children presented/ at the annual meeting of the Associated Churches this Monday evening, illustrating the week-day religious education training given 8073 children of the public schools, in grades 3, 4 and 5. This number is about 90% of all students in these grades, given permission to take the classes by their parents. For many of these children, this training is the main source of their religious experience. Eighteen teachers are employed in the program; one is Mrs. Alec Langford, wife of the minister of West Creighton Christian Church.

Mr. Hugh Rice has served as chairman of the committee of the Associated Churches directing this program, and was recognized at the Monday night meeting for his leadership. Mr. Jack Williams also concluded a term as member of the board. Mrs. William love was elected to the board of the Association, which numbers 57 churches from 15 denominations in Fort Wayne. Our church contributed in 1967 a total of \$1,455.00 from its budget, the CWF, and from individuals.

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129th STATE CONVENTION ... in Civic Auditorium, Hammond, April 25-27, 1968. Among those participating are: for opening worship, Chaplain James L. Merrell; on committee reports, Mrs. H.I. Rudduck, Rev. James Y. Brown, Dr. Ronald E. Osborn, and Mrs. Harold S. Johnson, chairman, State Board. Others are: Dr. Joseph M. Smith, Dr. George G. Beazley, Jr., Closing feature, address by Rev. Ralph Saunders, president-elect. Saturday evening at 5:00 will be a banquet for the laity, sponsored jointly by the CWF and CMF. Mrs. Frank Thomas and Kenneth Clark, state presidents.

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BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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### DELTA FOOD PROJECT

Our offerings of food brought last Sun-  
day for the Delta Food Project filled  
six good sized cartons, about 150 items  
of food were brought by our concerned  
folk.

January 21, 1968

Church attendance	340
Church School attendance	226
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1366.52
Church School offering	84.09
U.C.F.A.	1.10
Building Fund	1.00
	<hr/> \$ 1452.71

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CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ....	
	\$ 9,243.31

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ister's cabinet) will meet on Sunday  
evening, February 4, from 6:30 to 8:00.  
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organization officers, youth leaders and  
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purpose is to project and coordinate  
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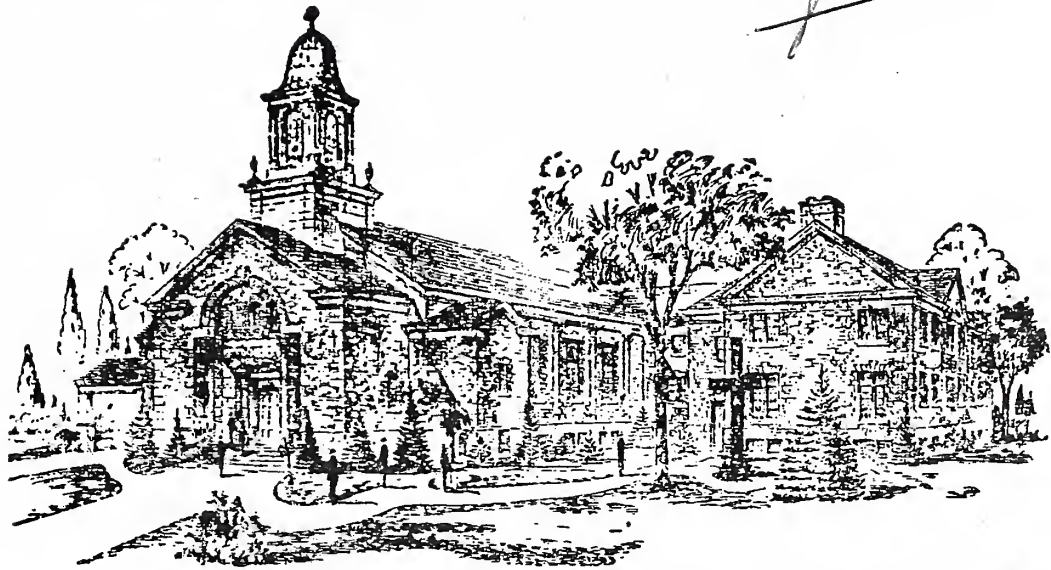
### CYF PROGRAM ON BELGIUM

Miss Anne Derom, an exchange stu-  
dent at Elmhurst High School, will pre-  
sent the program, using slides, this Sun-  
day evening, January 28, at 5:00, be-  
fore the C Y F, on her native country,  
Belgium. Miss Derom is a guest in the  
home of Miss Joleen Wilhelm this year.

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### FINAL UNION PRAYER SERVICE

The last of 8 services during the  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will  
be held this Thursday night at 7:30 at  
the Union Baptist Church, 2200 Smith  
St. A service was held each night in a  
church of the city, to emphasize the  
oneness we share in Christ.



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The following sentences are excerpts from a letter received last week and quoted in Sunday's sermon:

".....You stressed the need for involvement. I agree that this is important. But I must add that I don't feel the First Christian Church needs a great deal of involvement from me. Your choir is far better off without me; some things I might say in Sunday School would certainly be honest, but perhaps not acceptable to the majority of the congregation; apparently there are few of the members who are hungry or ill-clothed; I have seen or heard no member complain of social injustices leveled against him. In short, I am somewhat hazy as to why my involvement is needed....."..."One feels he has a right to expect honesty and candor in response to his questions. Too often, cliches born in the past and platitudes nurtured in the present have been his diet in Sunday School ..... Materials gloss over too lightly the issues that really concern today's people. And many of them are concerned enough to want to become active with, and in, mankind...."I sometimes have the uncomfortable feeling that we reflect the Pharisees of Jerusalem far more than the Christians of Rome.

Perhaps it was easier for Jesus to receive a 100% commitment from people because it represented a 100% risk. Today, we risk nothing by Christian membership. And so, convinced that it doesn't really matter, many people drop out. But I also believe that there are many ears to the ground awaiting a call to decisive Christian action, should it occur. If this happens there would be more drop-ins than expected ..... " Reply, anyone?

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLER Group will meet with Mrs. John Hoop, 3920 Bowser Ave, Tuesday February 6, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. H. G. Helmuth; Worship by Mrs. Rufus Quinn.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Wonda McKenney, 3282 Diplomat Drive on Tuesday, February 6, at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. W.H. Imbody; Worship by Mrs. Kenneth Edwards.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Cecil Rice, 3402 River Forest Dr. on Wednesday, February 7, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Rolland Ripple; Worship by Mrs. Dale Parkerson.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, 6502 So. Calhoun St. on Wednesday, February 7 at 1:30 PM. Mrs. W. Ward Bundy; Assistant hostess. Program by Mrs. Terry King; Worship by Mrs. Ross E. Firestone.

### WEEK OF COMPASSION

Today in Vietnam, 1,000 persons found themselves homeless. They join a tragic group of over one million refugees now living in Vietnam. At this moment, a baby will be born in an underdeveloped nation. His chances for good health, education, and even survival are very poor indeed. Many times this year disaster will strike swiftly and unexpectedly. It will leave thousands in urgent need of food, shelter and medical aid.

Compassion is a part of our Christian witness. Our goal for Week of Compassion is \$500.00 and in the light of crucial emergencies it should be more. We hope many will double their giving this year. The cost of compassion should never be made to appear cheap. In the kind of world in which we live

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, February 4

### ELDERS:

Glenn R. Miller  
Harold W. Crowder

DEACONS: Captain - Edwin R. Allen

Robert Hendricks  
Richard Burkett  
John Hechler  
Donald L. Miller  
Robert Ogles  
Arthur E. Huddleston  
Norman Strayer  
Orie McDougle

### Alternates:

James Cain  
Frank Moody  
Paul Truby  
LeRoy Timbrook

DEACONESSSES: February 4, 11

Mrs. Hendricks Love  
Mrs. Robert Hendricks

Sunday Greeters - February

'58 Class

many congregations can and should double their offering this year. We are dealing with A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH.

### VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL CLINIC

A Clinic for directors of Vacation Church Schools will be held at the First EUB Church, Clinton and Dewald, on March 15 from 9 to 12 Noon. Rev. Walter Horlander, Director of Educational Ministries of the Indiana Council of Churches will be the leader. There is no fee.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. David St. John is a patient in Rm. 632, Lutheran Hospital.

Your faith: use it, or lose it.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, February 4, 1968

	Att.	Off.
Friendly Class	14	2.87
Progressive	31	17.50
Come Double	10	14.50
Berean	13	8.00
'58 Class	9	4.50
Pairs & Spares	10	6.50
High School Class	21	3.00
Junior High	18	3.80
Junior Dept.	26	6.75
Primary Dept.	22	3.33
Kindergarten	10	2.33
Nursery (2-4)	7	.40
Babes & Toddlers	6	.75
	198	\$ 74.33

## LAY ACADEMY

SUNDAYS beginning February 4

MONDAYS beginning February 5

THE LAY ACADEMY OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES will be conducted in two sections this winter: one for laymen and clergy on Sunday afternoons beginning February 4th, and the other for laywomen on Mondays beginning on Feb. 5th.

THE MEN'S SECTION will meet at the Indiana University of Technical Studies on 1120 S. Barr St. from 3 to 6 February 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 10. Rev. John McKenzie of Notre Dame will be the teacher and his topic will be "The New Testament"

THE WOMEN will meet at the First Baptist Church from 10 A.M. to 1:30 PM. Mondays, February 5, 12, 19, 26 and March 4. Bring a sack lunch. Dr. Edward Blair of Garrett Theological Seminary will teach. His topic also is "The New Testament".

REGISTRATIONS for both sections: send name, address, church and \$15.00 fee to the Associated Churches Office.

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## TEN RULES FOR WORSHIP

I. Worship begins as I close the door to my home. On my way I pray for church for the minister, for those who worship far and near ...

II. As I enter I shall remind myself that my Heavenly Father will forgive and cleanse me of all hates, grudges, frettings, worldly cares and sinful thoughts ..

III. The moment I enter the door of this Divine house, I cease all idle conversation. I come in silence for great things rise out of quietness and minister to me and those about me. ....

IV. As soon as I am seated I bow my head in prayer. I pray for others as well as myself. I pray for my church and its great causes. I ask God to be very near to me now ...

V. I join in the singing of hymns and bow my head during the amen. I think about the words of the music and let their meaning and spirit go down to the roots of my soul ...

VI. As I lay my offering on the plate I say a prayer of thanks for my money and ask God's blessing on its use here and in the uttermost parts of the earth ...

VII. Throughout the service I think of God objectively. As power, peace, love, strength, judgment, mercy, truth. He is all I need for life as it ought to be ...

VIII. I listen as my minister preaches from God's word and seek to apply his message to my life. I pray for him as he preaches ...

IX. When the service has ended, in Christian friendliness, I speak to those I know and those who are strangers to me ...

X. As I exit through the outer portals I dedicate my life to walk this week the high road with Christ ....

- Adapted from Charles Shedd  
from Mr. Leversee,  
Bluffton Methodist Church

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1968

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(Classes for all age groups)

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(A nursery is provided for children and  
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7:45 P.M. on Thursdays

CHI RHO - 5:00 P.M. Sunday

CYF - 5:00 P.M. Sunday

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

Word comes that the brother of Mrs. A.  
N. Shockney died last week. Burial was  
on Wednesday.

Official Board meeting, Tuesday, Feb-  
ruary 6, at 8:00 P.M. Elders will meet  
at 7:30 P.M.

January 28, 1968

Church Attendance	338
Church School Attendance	191
Regular Church Offering	906.50
Church School offering	74.33
Building Fund	1.00
	<hr/>
	\$ 981.83

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...

\$ 8,085.67

### CHURCH PLANNING COUNCIL

The Church Planning Council will  
meet on Sunday evening, February 4,  
from 6:30 to 8:00. The Council is com-  
posed of board and organization officers  
youth leaders and functional committee  
chairmen. Its purpose is to project and  
coordinate church plans and program,  
and to calendarize activities.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPT.  
will meet on Thursday, February 8 at  
7:30 P.M.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Orpha Yost is a patient at Luther-  
an Hospital, Room 327.

The Rev. and Mrs. A.N. Shockney  
had their 60th Wedding anniversary on  
Monday, January 29, 1968. Our sin-  
cere congratulations are extended to  
this fine couple.

CHI RHO - Will meet at 5:00 P.M.  
next Sunday in the study room for a  
panel discussion and debate. Also, Mr.  
Herman Weber will be our guest. He  
will speak on, "Can A Christian Be  
Successful in Business?"



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## THE YOUNG CHURCH TODAY

It is an error to label our young people as "the church of tomorrow." These are the young church today. If for no other reason, they are the majority: half the population is under 25 years old! Better reason is that our youth are active, thinking, concerned persons who have a responsibility within their community now - and many express that responsibility in Christian ways.

First Christian is fortunate in the calibre of its young people, and that a goodly number of them take a vital part in church life. They worship, learn, give and work - while busier and have more demands made upon them, generally, than any other age level. Besides the fellowship and program content of meetings, our youth groups are involved in service: Chi Rho youth do frequent calling on home-bound members; the CYF is redecorating their meeting and class room in the building. The latter group will go to Elkhart this Sunday afternoon to join other churches in a district gathering. Leaders of the two Fellowships are always "on their toes," giving a great amount of time and attention: Mrs. Hendricks Love and Mrs. Harley Meadows, and Marvin Crouse and Mr. and Mrs. Ross E. Nierman.

This Sunday, February 11, will be "Youth Sunday," when some of them will share in leading the worship service at 10:30. Mr. McGuire will have the sermon, pertaining to youth and the church. This will also be "Boy Scout Sunday," when Scouts in Troop 57, sponsored by our church, will be present and the 1968 charter will be presented.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. Owen Vaught, 4035 S. Fairfield on Monday evening, February 12, at 8:00. Program by Miss Pearl Heidecker, Worship by Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Kenneth Hunt, 2824 Genesee Tuesday, evening, February 13 at 8:00. Program by Mrs. John Olson, Worship by Mrs. James Knight.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. John Williams, 4017 Indiana Av. Wednesday evening, February 14 at 8:00. Program by Mrs. Harold Crowder. Worship by Mrs. Robert Hendricks.

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### PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Gene Shirley has been a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 126.

Mr. Robert Nulf underwent surgery last week. He is in Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Paul Truby had surgery this week. He is in room 242, Lutheran Hospital.

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Maria Lynn was born January 31, 1968 to Larry & Beatrice Anderson, 337 Anita Dr. Paducah, Kentucky, 42001. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Rice are the proud grand-parents. Sincere congratulations to all.

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FOR CHI RHO: Meet next Sunday at 5:00 P.M. in the study room. Please bring a baby picture of yourself and show it to no one. Also, bring newspapers for the Chi Rho paper drive."

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Mr. Ross E. Cross, is in room 222 Lutheran Hospital.

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WEEK OF COMPASSION - "ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING" February 18-25.

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Robert Chevalier

### Alternates:

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Eugene Klepfer

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Ray Loftin  
John Clark

### DEACONESSES: February 11.

Mrs. Hendricks Love

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### SUNDAY GREETERS - February

'58 Class

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### FROM WORLD CALL - FEBRUARY ...

"Help Gets Through - is a major article written for World Call to help members understand the wide scope of service rendered by Disciples through the Week of Compassion. Also, note the several poems that may be used in interpreting Week of Compassion. Writer, Roland K. Huff.

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Miss Myrtle Peterson is in room 346 Parkview Hospital.

Micky Taylor, of the High School Class is in room 335 Lutheran Hospital.

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Nursery 2-4	9	1.07
Babes & Toddlers	5	.50
	241	\$ 92.37

## MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES

The Christian Education Committee  
John Thompson, Chairman, will meet  
at 7:30 P.M. Thursday, February 8.

The Worship Committee, Dr. Henry L.  
Butler, chairman, will meet at 7:30  
Tuesday, February 13.

A general planning meeting for all com-  
mittees will be held on Sunday afternoon  
February 25; this has been scheduled by  
the Church Planning Council, and will  
include a period of orientation, concu-  
rent meetings of all committees, and  
reporting and coordination of plans.

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Our World Outreach Department is plan-  
ing for Week of Compassion (One Great  
Hour of Sharing ) and will offer you an  
opportunity to participate. Your offer-  
ing will make an important contribution  
to the lives of people all around the  
world. This is a problem that will be  
with us for many years to come, but an  
increased effort on our part can mean  
increased and speedier assistance to those  
who waken each morning to hardship,  
obscurity and frustration ..... the  
refugees.

In Christ's Name -

WELCOME, FRIEND!

Each Lord's Day morning the Disciples  
of Christ gather around the Communion  
Table to remember that life may be a-  
bundant, rich and full, because of the  
love of God, made known so abundant-  
ly in Calvary's redemptive act. The  
Communion Table stands at the center  
of the church to remind us of the cen-  
trality of Christ. We exalt no creed but  
the Lordship of Christ.....

From the earliest days of the Church,  
Christian people have sought to build a  
fellowship that was inclusive in nature,  
rather than one that was exclusive. All  
who desire therefore to follow Christ as  
Lord, and to share in the membership of  
His Church are welcome here.

The Church practices immersion as its  
mode of baptism for it was the manner  
in which our Lord Himself was baptized,  
and was the practice and teaching of the  
early Church.....

We invite you to become companions  
with us in the upward way, following  
the lure of our Lord....

Here at First Christian Church, we be-  
lieve the destiny of man is incompara-  
bly glorious, and that the struggle to-  
ward that destiny is difficult indeed.  
We bid you on behalf of Christ, be re-  
conciled to God. Enter now into the  
struggle for a Christian world. The  
Word of God in this hour is not one of  
retreat but of advance!

Welcome friend!

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The chancel flowers this Sunday were  
given by Mr. and Mrs. Leon Johns in  
memory of Mrs. John's mother, Mrs.  
Laura Gildea.

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Opportunity and ability add up to re-  
sponsibility!

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Vacation Church School Clinic will be held at the First EUB Church, Clinton at Dewald, on March 15 from 9 to 12 Noon. Directors of Vacation Church Schools are invited to attend. There is no fee.

February 4, 1968

Church Attendance	379
Church School Attendance	241
Regular Church Offering	\$1661.93
Church School Offering	92.37
Building Fund	7.00
Landscape	10.00
Week of Compassion	21.50
	<hr/> \$1792.80

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CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . . .  
\$ 8,085.67

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### ABOUT PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hilker observed their 55th wedding anniversary on Feb. 3; Mr. Hilker is recovering from a broken hip, at Lutheran Hospital M-201

The church regrets that Mr. and Mrs. Garland Morrolf and family are moving from Fort Wayne to Rockford, Illinois; Mr. Morrolf is a deacon and Church School financial secretary, and Mrs. Morrolf is service chairman of her CWF group. Our good wishes go with them in a new home and church.

Rev. George Wascovich and son, Craig, were in Fort Wayne briefly last week. Rev. Wascovich, now minister of First Christian Church, Atlanta, was in Indianapolis for a board meeting at Christian Theological Seminary.

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### DISTRICT YOUTH MEET

District #1 youth will meet at Central Christian Church in Elkhart this Sunday, February 11, from 2:30 until 7:15 P.M. Using the theme, "Christ and Faith of Men," there will be a program, dinner and worship. Cost will be \$1.50.



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## IN MATTERS OF LIFE OR DEATH

Human need produces two basic cries: one is out of suffering and anguish, "Help me!" The other is from anxiety and frustration, "What can I do to help?"

In instances of the precarious balance between life or death, where time or patience or strength is running out, nearly everything depends on the helper who stands by asking, "What can I do?"

Our hands symbolize what can be done for one who cries, "Help me." We can wring them, helplessly. We can cover our ears and eyes. We can fold our hands, even sit on them.

Or - we can reach toward him and take his hand in understanding and empathy. We can lend a hand in support or to pull him along. We can grasp a tool or instrument, or offer a cup or spoon. The skills of our hands can bind up a wound, build a shelter, or button a coat on another. They can be lifted in petition, or send a letter of encouragement and appreciation.

Then our hands can join in gratitude and prayer, and relax in trust and contentment.

This is compassion. Our opportunity to do something for persons in need throughout the world will come on February 25, at the end of the "Week of Compassion." Beyond our privilege of doing something outright by using our hands, we can give of what our hands have gained and earned.

The following sentences are from a reply to another letter written to the minister and printed in part in the February 1, "Tidings":

"The choir probably does profit from lack of attendance from some, but it is suffering from absence of others. Choir members aren't professionals recruited, they're Christians singing. If your thoughts are unprovincial you may help others understand their attitudes, and perhaps they'll force you to alter your ideas a little. The word "church" is not synonymous with "charity" nor is it restricted to members of First Christian.

Platitudes and cliches certainly would not be the diet in a class you taught. Christian action could be readily sensed if all with an ear to the ground would just begin.

You suggest security is a problem today. May I suggest that the lack of involvement stems from insecurity. Church members will not help shepherd the flock because they are unsure of their beliefs and know this would be a test. Church members will not become involved to the extent of genuine friendliness because a true self might show. Church members will not offer assistance for youth programs (our Explorer program died from lack of leadership); we offer little to the aging (not even a way for many to get to church). Opportunities are here, but it's difficult to see horizons with your head to the ground. A good place to start involvement is perhaps with others instead of self. Why is your involvement needed? Today's newscasts tell the results of our letting someone else act while we remain non-involved!"

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#### AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday February 18

##### ELDERS:

Albert J. Powell

Kenneth L. Edwards

##### Alternates:

Walter C. Birkhold

Dr. Henry Lee Butler

##### DEACONS: Captain, Edwin R. Allen

William E. Wilson

D. Wayne Penny

Robert Westerfield

Romane Cole

James P. Heavin

John C. Varner

George R. Davis

Vernon Moore

##### Alternates

Arthur W. Mowery

E. M. O'Laughlin

Ralph Weesner

James W. Lehman

##### DEACONESSES: February 18, 25; Mar. 3

Mrs. Robert Ogles

Mrs. Ralph Church

##### SUNDAY GREETERS - February

'58 Class

##### Sunday Greeters - March

Progressive Class

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##### 1967 OUTREACH GIVING - 20.9 %

According to the 1967 Yearbook, just received, First Christian Church gave 20.9 % of all funds it administered during the last church year to outreach. A letter of commendation was received also from Spencer P. Austin on behalf of Unified Promotion, the 'clearing house' for the brotherhood which channels the giving to agencies performing Christian mission. Sixteen new congregations were established last year, and more than 200 other recent churches given continuing support.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, February 11, 1968

	Att.	Off.
Friendly Class	16	3.00
Progressive Class	30	18.25
Come Double	24	17.85
Berean Class	14	5.40
'58 Class	16	12.75
Pairs & Spares	5	1.40
High School	17	4.15
Junior High	13	1.90
Junior Dept.	28	8.40
Primary Dept.	27	4.31
Kindergarten	14	2.87
Nursery 2-4	9	.88
Babes & Toddlers	2	.25
	215	\$ 81.76

## COMMITTEE PLANNING -

FEBRUARY 25, 1968

A general planning meeting for all committees will be held on Sunday afternoon, February 25, beginning at 2:00. The meeting, which was scheduled by the Church Planning Council of church officers and committee chairmen, will begin with a brief period of worship and orientation, then will subdivide into individual sessions for each committee to determine its objectives this year, and immediate and long-range plans. After a time for reports and coordination of plans by the entire group, the meeting will conclude by 5:00. Members of each functional committee are requested to reserve these three hours on February 25.

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An article of interest in March World Call by Rosemary Roberts: Exchange Students and what they mean to a church - yes, and what the church means to them.  
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## WATCH FOR articles on "Christian Life Curriculum in WORLD CALL.....

These articles are scheduled to appear in the April, May, June and July-Aug. and will help the laymen understand one of the most important developments in total church program in many years. The articles will present the new Christian Life Curriculum from four different points of view. Since the new curriculum will be high on the agenda of most Disciples churches we urge a careful reading of these articles.

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PLEASE NOTE: We urge you to use your church offering envelopes when bringing your offering. This helps the office in keeping your account correct. Thank you.

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## THERE ARE NO SECRETS IN CHURCH BUSINESS!

Meetings of the church board, committees and organizations are always open to any interested persons who choose to attend. It has been suggested that wives or husbands of members might prefer to come along, rather than stay home. The conduct of the church's business should be of concern to all members, thus everyone is welcome to attend such meetings, join in discussion or make requests; decisions, of course, are made by the designated members.

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Following the firm heavy step of the soldier, one can hear the shuffling hesitant step of the refugee. The displaced citizen is a problem that has plagued man since the beginning of history and one that grows larger. Mary and Joseph were refugees as they fled to Egypt... To our shores have come millions of refugees... WEEK OF COMPASSION helps feed and clothe these homeless.

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John R. Thompson...../ Church School Supt.

### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1968

9:15 A.M. Church School -  
(Classes for all age groups)  
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship  
(A Nursery is provided for children  
and infants through age 3)

#### CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Sanctuary and High School Choirs-  
7:45 P.M. on Thursdays

CHI RHO - 5:00 P.M. Sunday

CYF - 5:00 P.M. Sunday

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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CHI RHO - will attend an evening Mass  
at the Cathedral of The Immaculate Con-  
ception next Sunday. We are leaving our  
Church at 4:15 P.M. Friends and parents  
are welcome; however, please call Mrs.  
Meadows regarding transportation before  
Sunday. Girls are asked to wear head-  
scarves or hats.

February 11, 1968

Church attendance	296
Church School attendance	215
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1197.20
Church School Offering	81.76
Building Fund	127.00
U.C.F.A.	9.00
Week of Compassion	19.00
	<u>\$ 1433.96</u>

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...  
\$ 8,085.67

### ABOUT PEOPLE

Andrew, infant son of Mr. & Mrs. Wm.  
Joseph Schilling, is a patient at Luth-  
eran.

Mrs. Melvin Williamson is in room  
521, St. Joseph's Hospital.

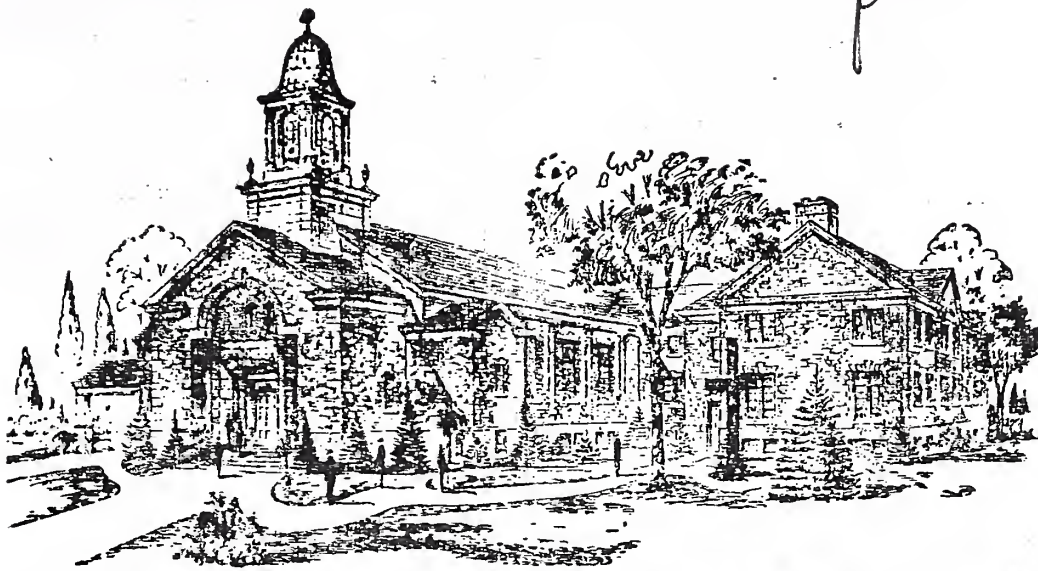
Mrs. Gene Shirley is now a patient at  
St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 906

Sympathy is extended to the family of  
Ross E. Cross; Services were conducted  
on February 10.

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Mrs. Blanche Mosebaugh is suffering  
from an injury when she sustained a  
torn ligament. She is at home.

### CHURCH CLEAN-UP

The board approved the recommenda-  
tion of the property committee that  
class rooms, closets and storage areas in  
the church building be cleaned and re-  
organized. Teachers, officers and leaders  
of organizations are requested to make  
inventories of supplies, equipment and  
furnishings, so unwanted materials can  
be discarded. There are several places  
in disarray in the building, and some  
are fire hazards.



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## A VISION - or just "SEEING THINGS"

There is a difference in a vision of how a situation may evolve, and just "seeing things."

The latter may more nearly be a hallucination, untouched by reasonable possibility.

A vision is apt to be of circumstances as they ought to be or could become - a glimpse of truth and reality.

God spoke to Joel,

"I will pour out my spirit on all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions." (2:28)

This assurance is valid for the church in its aspirations to do and be all that is intended and expected of it, in 1968 and beyond. The church must have vision - not merely be "seeing things" - else Proverbs is applicable also: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." (29:18)

This is the purpose of an important conference this Sunday afternoon: to ascertain where we are going with clarity, and project some ways of getting there with Christian spirit. Each of the nine functional committees will meet simultaneously, to determine its objectives and to formulate some goals and plans for this year, and for long-range suggestions. All members of committees are listed elsewhere in "Tidings".

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Functional Departments & Committees:

Department, Christian Education ...

John Thompson, Chairman

Mr. Mrs. William Love  
Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks Love  
Mr. and Mrs. Ross Nierman  
Mr. Marvin Crouse  
Mrs. Clair Buskirk  
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Taylor  
Rev. & Mrs. John Williams  
Mrs. Harley R. Meadows  
Mrs. J. W. Lehman  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson

Department, World Outreach ...

Robert Hendricks, Chairman

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rice  
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Plummer  
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. O'Laughlin  
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Miller

Department, Worship and Fine Arts ..

Dr. Henry Lee Butler, Chrmn.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morrical  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl  
Mr. and Mrs. George R. Davis  
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Allen  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fredericks  
Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Quinn

Department, Evangelism ...

J. Fred Smell, Chairman

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caldwell  
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Edwards  
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Strayer  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Frappier  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Church  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Birkhold  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendricks

Department, Church Membership ..

David Griggs, Chairman

Mrs. Owen Vaught  
Dr. and Mrs. James Ruble  
Mr. and Mrs. George Warren  
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald McVay  
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Williams

Department, Community Service and

Social Action ...

Merle D. Rice, chairman

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Andrew  
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Aker  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jos. Schilling  
Mr. and Mrs. Orie McDougale

Department, Stewardship & Finance ..

Herman Weber, Chairman

Ralph Church  
Wendell Glass  
Hugh Rice  
Walter Birkhold  
William Crouse  
Andrew Cook  
Albert Powell

Department, Property and Care ..

Ted Bryan, Chairman  
George Bruckman  
John Merrill  
David Hogg  
Herman Weber  
Mrs. Wm. Crouse  
Charles Ludwig  
Leon H. Johns  
Miss Mildred Hartman

Committee, Publicity and Promotion ..

Mark Snyder, Chairman  
Mrs. Ben Taylor  
Donald L. Miller

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Banet

The members of the above functional departments and committees will meet next Sunday, February 25, from 2:00 to 5:00 in Fellowship Hall.

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CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

Those of our members who are not giving their old newspaper for some other cause, are asked to bring them to the church for the Chi Rho's drive. They plan to use the money from the sale of newspapers to help finance their "Chicago bus trip."

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE  
Officers Serving Sunday February 25  
ELDERS:

Bert W. Leversee  
William H. Crouse

Alternates:

David Griggs  
Robert Rayl

DEACONS: Captain, Edwin R. Allen

William E. Wilson  
D. Wayne Penny  
Robert Westerfield  
Romane Cole  
James P. Heavin  
John C. Varner  
George R. Davis  
Vernon Moore

Alternates:

Merle Rice  
Leon Johns  
Herbert Banet  
Marfin Crouse

DEACONESSES: February 25; March 3.

Mrs. Robert Ogles  
Mrs. Ralph Church

SUNDAY GREETERS - February

'58 Class

Sunday Greeters - March

Progressive Class

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HARD DAYS' WORK

Several ladies of the CWF spent a full day last week cleaning the kitchen - all cabinets and shelves, appliances and utensils. It is in shining order and should be kept so; any group using the kitchen should leave it in as good condition, or better, than it was found.

The CYF and High School Class is re-decorating the Youth room, on the north East corner of ground floor. New paint is making a difference - plus time and energy.

Other groups are requested to attend to rooms, closets and storage areas -

to discard useless materials, and clean and improve the appearance of the entire Church.

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LENTEN CONCERT

Epworth Methodist Church, 5311 Hesse-Cassel, invites members of this church to a Lenten Concert by the Southmoor P.T.A. Singers on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, February 28, at 7:30.

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CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, February 18, 1968

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'58 Class	11	8.00
Pairs & Spares	8	3.85
High School Class	21	4.65
Junior High Dept.	20	2.85
Junior Dept.	32	7.83
Primary Dept.	23	2.19
Kindergarten	7	.95
Nursery 2-4	6	.24
Babes & Toddlers	4	.55
	219	\$ 78.18

WEEK of COMPASSION - In giving ..

Think:

"I will not stoop to shallow pity; I will RISE to the sharing of human dignity. My offering will not be the bargaining for bread, or ideas, or promises; it will be the uncovering of Brotherhood.

And, as I would be compassionate, I seek another's compassion on ME;  
- of him, without eyes - on my lack of insight; - of him, hungry - who is filled in Spirit; - of him, house-less - who unlocks my sense of belonging to a family; - of him, without books - on my unwise use of either learning or intelligence; - of him, not contained in any church - who contains Christ in him.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1968

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all age groups)

10:30 A.M. Morning Worship  
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and infants through age 3.)

#### CHOIR REHEARSALS:

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7:45 P.M. Thursdays

CHI RHO - 5:00 P.M. Sunday

CYF - 5:00 P.M. Sunday

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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CHI RHO: All who are planning to go to  
Chicago, are invited to a paper drive  
contest this Sunday night. Teams, each  
with a car and driver, will collect paper  
for 45 minutes. The team bringing in the  
most paper will receive a prize! Dress  
casually.

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These persons are asked to meet in  
Fellowship Hall at 2:00 for brief worship  
and orientation. Committees will then  
have separate sessions, and return again  
for reports and coordination of plans  
within the entire group, concluding by  
5:00 o'clock.

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February 18, 1968

Church Attendance	290
Church School Attendance	219
Regular Church Offering	1450.73
Church School Offering	78.13
Week of Compassion	10.00
	<u>\$ 1538.91</u>

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CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...
<u>\$ 8,085.67</u>

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### ABOUT PEOPLE

Miss Arlene Huddleston is in Lutheran  
Hospital, Room 453.  
Mr. Paul Truby is a patient in Lutheran  
Hospital, room 325.  
Mrs. Melvin Williamson is in St. Joseph's  
Hospital, room 549.  
Mrs. Melvin McNamee is a patient in  
St. Joseph's Hospital, 306.

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\$YMPATHY - is extended to Mrs. Virgil  
Buchanan and family, in the recent loss  
of her father, Mr. Arthur Suter. Services  
were held on Wednesday.

### WEEK OF COMPASSION

(One Great Hour of Sharing) Feb. 18-25.  
The offering is to be given this Sunday.  
This day affords each of us an oppor-  
tunity to help alleviate some of the hun-  
ger and need in our community and in  
our world.



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## NEW DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH: MRS. BIXENMAN.

Mrs. Miriam Bixenman has accepted the call from the Board to become director of Christian Education and Youth in our church.

Mrs. Bixenman has served in a similar position during the past 13 years at First Christian Church, Bloomington, Illinois, where the minister of that congregation says the education program is at the highest level ever, due to her leadership. She is completing requirements this Spring for the Master's degree in religious education from Lexington Theological Seminary.

A native of Bloomington, she is to be ordained to the Christian ministry there on March 31. Along with responsibilities with the church, Mrs. Bixenman - (pronounced "Bix'-man") has been active in P.T.A., and in work with retarded children. She is a widow, and has one son, Jay, who is a Junior at Eureka College.

Our church is fortunate in securing a person of her commitment, experience and training, to serve in leadership development and with our entire education and youth program. It is uncertain as to the exact date of her arrival here, but expected by May 15.

The Personnel committee of 12 members recommended to the board that she be called to the church, after her visit here the weekend of February 3, and other correspondence. Bert Leversee was committee chairman.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Harley Meadows, 4908 Salem Lane, Tuesday, March 5, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Stanley Cole; Worship by Mrs. Herbert Banet.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Walter Marks, 4705 Lafayette Esplanade, Tuesday, March 5, at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Neil Allen; Worship by Mrs. Robert Scott.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Wm. Love, 341 W. Maple Grove Ave., Wednesday, March 6, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Love; Worship by Mrs. Gene Klepfer.

The DYE Group will meet in the church parlor, Wednesday, March 6, at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. Thomas Wunderlich and Mrs. Robert Donohue are co-hostesses. Program by Mrs. Wm. Crouse; Worship by Mrs. Vaughn Brickley.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Virgil Montgomery, 716 Archer Ave., Thursday, March 7, at 7:45 P.M. Program by Mrs. Robert Clipp; Worship by Mrs. Walter Williams.

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### CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

Those of our members who are not saving their newspapers for some other cause, are asked to bring them to the church for the Chi Rho paper drive. They plan to use the money from the sale of newspapers to help finance their "Chicago Bus Trip".

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The Lenten season calls for a consecration of both life and possessions to Christ and His glorious Church. The measure of blessing we received from an observance of Lent will depend upon our response to its appeal.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers serving Sunday March 3.

### ELDERS:

John Merrill

Andrew Cook

### Alternates:

Rufus Quinn

John Thompson

### DEACONS: Captain- George Warren

Virgil Montgomery

Robert Schubel

Stanley Cole

Mark Snyder

W. Harry Imbody

William J. Schilling

James F. Ruble

Ted Bryan

### Alternates:

Robert Hendricks

Richard Burkett

John Hechler

Donald Miller

### DEACONESES: March 3

Mrs. Robert Ogles

Mrs. Ralph Church

### SUNDAY GREETERS - March

Progressive Class

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### THEN CAME THE THIRD DAY ....

When winter's winds swept across the land, when snow and sleet snarled traffic, who took time to think that spring would come again?..that in a few weeks the sun would warm the frozen earth?..that dormant flowering things would soon spring to life? It was the same 2,000 years ago, when Christ was crucified. Entombed with him were the fondest hopes of his disciples. For them this was the end of everything. Their highest aspirations were buried with their Master in the tomb. But then came the third day. The tomb gave up its dead. Life conquered death. Christ lived again! As for us, despite our deepest gloom, this same Christ lives today. He is the Lord of Life!

You are invited to the  
SERVICE of ORDINATION

for

Rufus S. G. Quinn

John R. Thompson

Herman L. Weber

as

Elders of the Church

-

Sunday, March 3, at 10:30

#### THE DAYS OF LENT

February 28 was "Ash Wednesday," the first day of Lent, that period of 46 days prior to Easter. Ash Wednesday is a day of penitence for many Christians, beginning a time of self-denial, increased worship and giving. The word, "Lent" originates in a "lengthening of days" or Spring. Easter's date is determined as the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox, this year on April 14. Lent originally included 40 days of fasting, mindful of Christ's 40 days, plus six Sundays. Our church does not observe Lent as legalistically as some; however, it can become a season for mental and spiritual discipline, and of self-denial as chosen by the person. It can be a period of preparation, to make oneself more worthy to receive all the benefits of Christian faith at Easter.

Our worship service during the Sundays of Lent will be of special nature, with sermons and music emphasizing this important time. Worshipers will note the change in order of service beginning this Sunday.

#### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

The minister's class on "The Meaning of Church Membership" will begin on Saturday, March 9, at 1:30. There will be four sessions, each one lasting about one hour. These will be March 9, 23, 30 and April 6. Older children and young people, especially those in the Junior Department, are invited. It is planned for children who are interested in or only curious about becoming members of the church; there is no obligation to do so at any specific time, although the Easter season has become a traditional time for such classes and baptism of new members. Children and parents should discuss this, and decide on attending.

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John R. Thompson...../

### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 1963

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all age groups.

10:30 A.M. Morning Worship  
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CHI RHO - 5:00 P.M. Sunday

CYF - 5:00 P.M. Sunday

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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CHI RHO: Those going visiting be at  
the church at 4:00. Chi Rho will meet  
at church at 5:00 and skate at Bell's Rink.  
Members may be picked up at church at  
8:30 P.M.

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February 25, 1963

Church Attendance	341
Church School Attendance	228
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1163.70
Church School Offering	82.52
Week of Compassion	472.00
Building Fund Offering	32.00
	<u>\$ 1749.22</u>

### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ..

\$ 8,085.67

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday  
March 5, at 8:00 P.M., preceded by a  
meeting of the Elders at 7:30 P.M.

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Friends are invited to the wedding of  
Miss Marilyn Engle to Marcel F. Perrey  
this Saturday, March 2, at 5:30 in the  
sanctuary.

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A statement on the church finances for  
1967. and some statistics on categories  
of giving during that year, were present-  
ed last Sunday. Persons who would like  
copies may secure them in the church  
office.

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### PROGRESS ON CLEANING

Work continues each week on clean-  
ing the church, discarding unwanted ma-  
terials, and better storage of supplies &  
equipment. The Primary Department,  
which maintains a continuous paper-sav-  
ing project, relocated the supply as a  
safety precaution. The greenery and  
trees used at Christmas were carried a-  
way by George Bruckman. There are  
those other areas in the church that need  
attention this month.

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# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH"

"AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## "HE CALLED HIS DISCIPLES ...."

Luke notes that Jesus "called his disciples, and chose from them twelve." (6:13) We agree that Jesus still calls his disciples, to be learners of His Way, and to do the work of Christian Disciples.

This is the purpose of the class on: "The Meaning of Church Membership," which will be led by the minister and will begin this Saturday. The four sessions are for inquirers - "young disciples" or learners, who are interested or simply curious about church membership: making one's profession of faith, being baptized, the privileges and responsibilities of membership, such as communion.

The class is open to children and young people, beginning with those of the Junior Department. There is no pressure or obligation to join the church at any particular time, and participants may attend any one or combination of sessions, but preferably all four.

Each class will begin at 1:30 and last approximately one hour. Dates are March 9, 23, 30, and April 6 - all Saturdays (no class on March 16).

A candlelight service of baptism is scheduled for Palm Sunday evening, April 7, and a concluding service of first-communion for those baptized and their families. However, the ordinance of baptism can be arranged any time at the convenience of candidates and families.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. O.R. Kuhlman, 4125 Warsaw St., Monday, March 11, at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Owen Vaught; Worship by Mrs. Wm. Conrad.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. John Olson, 4725 South Wayne Ave., Tuesday, March 12, 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Edwin Hall; Worship by Mrs. Clair Buskirk.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Norman Strayer, 2417 Ormsby, Wednesday, March 13, at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Donald Davenport; Worship by Mrs. Wm. Kintzel.

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### INDIANA CONVENTION

The 129th State Convention of Christian Churches in Indiana will be held in Hammond-Highland (Lake County), April 25-27. This will be an unusual convention for at least three reasons: - it will be Indiana's first delegate convention; it will be the first state convention in Lake County in the 129 years it will be a "Convention on wheels", providing inside views of this urban area which is so full of many characteristic challenges before the churches. According to the number of members of the congregation, our church is allowed at least 6 voting delegates. Any number of members may attend. Among scheduled speakers are Dr. Joseph M. Smith, department of East Asia, UCMS, and Dr. George Beasley, president of the Council on Christian Unity. A youth session is also planned.

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Miss Susan Mowery underwent emergency surgery on Tuesday of this week, at Lutheran hospital. Room 489

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, March 10.

### ELDERS:

David Hogg

Frederic Smell

### Alternates -

Harold Crowder

Myron Cole

### JUNIOR DEACONS:

Robert Finkhousen

Bruce Finkhousen

Jeffrey Olson

Richard Hendricks

Nicholas Church

Steven Bruckman

James Taylor

James Duncan

### Alternates -

Douglas Allen

Kirk Butler

### DEACONESSSES - March 10, 17, 24.

Mrs. William Love

Mrs. Walter Williams

### SUNDAY GREETERS - March

Progressive Class

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### ABOUT MRS. BIXENMAN

The following very fine statement was included in a full-page story about Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, in "The Messenger" of First Christian Church, Bloomington, Illinois, from which she is coming to our church as director of education and youth: ".... She has now progressed to the point where graduation and ordination are in sight. Now she will soon be recognized as a fully prepared and qualified Minister of Christian Education, with a background of experience that is excellent. As a congregation, we have benefitted tremendously from the additional background depth that her study has given Miriam. It is only right that she should now share her life in the Christian Ministry beyond this congregation ...."

### Community Service and Social Action

In this troubled age each of us seems to carve a niche in which to find solace. After, all, what can I do about the many problems of the world? Why have not Christians made more impact? Probably because we haven't started trying. Fort Wayne is a troubled city. Our church CAN HELP, but we can only be successful if YOU will assist. Your action will cost you about 10¢ less than 15 minutes, and will not require anything outside the church building and your home. Your action WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE if you added a Sunday afternoon drive.

Step 1. Become genuinely concerned about the problems of your neighbors. In Fellowship Hall you will find a large city map on which is outlined the troubled "East Central Neighborhood" you have been hearing much about. Playground areas are also noted on the map. What would be your reaction if this were the situation in YOUR neighborhood? The Community Action Committee is aware of a most simple grievance these have: nowhere for the children to play. Christ taught LOVE. Do you love your neighbor as yourself? Do you care if his five-year old child has a safe place to play? STEP 1 ...CARE!

Merle Rice, Chairman

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### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

We will hold special worship services during Holy Week. A candlelight baptismal service will be held on Palm Sunday evening, April 7. The Last Supper will be observed on Thursday evening, using a special worship setting. Good Friday services will be provided at Christ Methodist Church from 12:00 to 3:00; that evening, the unusual service of "Tenebrae" (which means 'shadows') will be held in our sanctuary.

### CHURCH SCHOOL Report - March 3.

	Att.	Off.
Friendly Class	16	\$ 3.26
Progressive Class	41	20.10
Come Double Class	20	18.50
Berean Class	9	5.00
58 Class	20	12.00
Pairs & Spares	11	5.75
High School Class	22	3.15
Junior High Dept.	19	2.22
Junior Dept.	31	8.28
Primary Dept.	25	3.62
Kindergarten	13	3.22
Nursery, 2-4	8	.86
Babes and Toddlers	4	.25
	299	\$ 86.21

### LENTEN WORSHIP

March 3 was the first Sunday in Lent, and began with a sanctuary full of worshipers. The attention and participation on the part of every one made it a very special opportunity for worship. There was the ordination of three leaders as elders: Mr. Rufus Quinn, Mr. John Thompson, Mr. Herman Weber. Our church must always be appreciative of the thoughtful prayers of our elders, Sunday by Sunday, at the Lord's Table; they draw our minds to the value of communion. The deacons also create a proper atmosphere, while they serve the emblems, and gather our offerings. Our choir is outstanding, providing splendid offerings of music and anthems, responses and background music. (Did you know that Mrs. Weicker wrote the words and composed the music for the lovely solo she gave us on Sunday?) Our ushers and greeters are to be thanked. It takes many persons to conduct a rewarding experience in the sanctuary. One way to benefit entirely is to be in the sanctuary before 10:30 each Sunday. The sermon-series during Lent is: "When Jesus Came"; remaining are sermons on "Calling", "Seeking", and "Healing".

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SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 1968

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age groups.

10:30 A.M. Morning Worship  
(A nursery is provided for children  
and infants through age 3)

#### CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Sanctuary and High School Choirs -  
Thursdays at 7:30 P.M.

Bell Choir will meet on Sunday afternoon  
at 4:00 P.M.

CHI RHO - 5:00 P.M. Sunday

CYF - 5:00 P.M. Sunday

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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#### CHAIN OF PRAYER

The worship committee, of which Dr. H.  
L. Butler is chairman, is arranging for the  
Chain of Prayer for 1968, which will be  
observed during 36 hours of Holy Week.  
It is to begin at 8:30 on Friday

March 3, 1968

Church attendance	362
Church School attendance	299
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1470.71
Church School Offering	86.21
Week of Compassion	48.00
Easter offering	7.00
Building Fund Offering	17.00
U. C. F. A.	8.40
	<u>\$ 1637.32</u>

### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .

\$ 6,917.40

### PERSONAL MENTION

John Young, so of Mr. & Mrs. Jefferson  
Young, was a patient at Lutheran Hospi-  
tal.

SYMPATHY - Our sympathy is extend-  
ed to Mrs. J.C. Koegel and her family  
in the recent loss of her son, Dr. Kenneth  
Koegel.

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CHI RHO - Will meet in the study room  
at 5:00 P.M. Sunday. The youth are ask-  
ed to bring a small pillow from home.  
Chi Rho will be dismissed at 6:30.

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evening, April 12, or immediately fol-  
lowing the Good Friday union service that  
evening in our church, and will continue  
until 8:30 on Easter morning. This con-  
tinuous prayer vigil will be maintained  
by a succession of worshipers who agree  
to be in the chapel for 30 minute periods;  
other persons are in the building at all  
times of the day and night, as a security  
measure. The schedule of pray-time will  
be available very soon, for persons to sign;  
at least 72 individuals, couples or fami-  
lies are needed.

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MORE ADEQUATE WORSHIP

Worship occurs in many forms. This congregation has taken kindly to the occasional changes in our order of service, especially for the Sundays of Lent.

Obvious differences include the processional hymn, which suggests a stately and confident entrance into the Presence of God. Worshipers have been responsive, and joined heartily in the hymns of praise and assurance.

Several have spoken appreciatively of use of the Lord's Prayer again. The words "debts" and "debtors" are preferred to "trespasses," according to the Revised Standard Version of the Gospels; these words are more contemporary and better understood by all ages, and are more clearly uttered in unison.

Junior deacons, selected from junior and high schools members, served Sunday for the first time. One worshiper phrased many feelings: "they were an inspiration!" Ted Bryan, chairman of deacons, directed them in serving communion and gathering the offering so ably. It is suggested that they do so once each month.

Dr. Frank Lansing will preach during morning worship at 10:30 this third Sunday in Lent. Executive secretary of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and former minister of South Wayne Baptist Church, he is a good friend of our church. The worship committee secured Dr. Lansing for this Sunday, when your minister will be out of the city. March 15-22.

You are invited to the installation service for the new minister at Aboite Christian Church, F. Wesley Adell, Sunday evening at 7:30. John Thompson has given great help to this sister-church for months, and others have participated.

## SPRING CLEANING

Anyone missing a yellow-gray Christmas tree, once white? a very tired painted donkey? some badly-tumbled walls of Jericho or Jerusalem? a bale of antique straw? These were among the curious items cleaned out from under half the stage by our CYF, mostly by Chip Allen! And so the cleaning of the church goes on - finding stuff in places where many didn't know there were places. The property committee urges that classes, organizations, etc., complete this project during March.

REMEMBER: the class on "Meaning of Church Membership" will meet on three Saturdays at 1:30: March 23, 30 and April 6 - NOT this Saturday, March 16.

## C Y F COMMISSION

The District 1 Christian Youth Fellowship Commission will meet this Sunday, March 17, at 2:30, at the Kendallville Christian Church. Representatives from our church will attend. Mrs. Vincent Wells, from West Creighton Church, is district advisor.

## CITY YOUTH COUNCIL

Young people of the churches of Fort Wayne are in the process of establishing a youth council, under the sponsorship of the Associated Churches. Melanie McGuire and Jeff Olson represented our church at the first meeting, held Sunday at Simpson Methodist. Tentative plans for a Holy Week inter-church service were begun.

"If seeds in the black earth can turn into such beautiful flowers, what might not the heart of man become in its long journey toward the stars?"

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, March 17.

### ELDERS:

Ralph Church

Alfred Schell

### Alternates:

Robert Chevalier

Glenn Miller

### DEACONS: Captain, Thomas Frappier

James J. Cain

Frank M. Moody

LeRoy Timbrook

Paul D. Truby

Paul E. Yentes

Max Finkhousen

Rayford Loftin

John Clark

### Alternates:

Virgil Montgomery

Robert Schubel

Stanley R. Cole

Mark Snyder

### DEACONESSES - March 17, 24.

Mrs. William Love

Mrs. Walter Williams

### SUNDAY GREETERS - March

Progressive Class

CHI RHO - will meet in Fellowship Hall next Sunday at 5:00 P.M. Our guest will be Miss Anne Derome of Belgium, who will show slides of her native country. Miss Derome is the house guest of Mr. & Mrs. John Wilhelm. Please bring your old newspapers.

EVANGELISM - This committee would appreciate receiving any names of possible prospects for our church. Turn the names in to the church office, or send to Mr. Fred Smell, chairman.

CWF EXECUTIVE (Leaders of Groups, officers and Directors) There will be a short meeting at 12:45 next Tuesday.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

SUNDAY, MARCH 10.

	Att.	Off.
Friendly Class	16	\$ 4.11
Progressive Class	30	20.15
Come Double Class	17	8.20
Berean Class	11	4.00
'58 Class	21	8.00
Pairs & Spares	9	6.00
High School Class	23	3.95
Junior High Dept.	19	2.57
Junior Dept.	29	7.50
Primary D pt.	33	4.29
Kindergarten	12	1.55
Nursery 2-4	13	1.17
Babes & Toddlers	3	.05
	231	\$ 70.79

### PRIMARY VISITATION

Parents of children in the Primary Department are invited to visit Sunday, March 24 at 9:30 - 9:45 A.M. Afterwards, you are free to remain or attend your regular class.

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CURRICULUM! Curriculum! Curriculum!! Repeat the word often - but be sure you are using the newer, wider, bigger interpretation of it. Every church will soon have available a big new idea for churchwide program and leadership. It will pay to know about it all in advance. It has been years in the making and will be years in the doing.

World Call presents four articles to interpret the New Christian Life Curriculum to its readers in April, May, June and July-August issues. The first, .. Old Word --New Meaning, by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Russell appears in April.

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### PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Dale Parkerson entered Parkview Hospital on Tuesday of this week. He is in room 443.

## STATE CONVENTION

Altho this Convention, April 25-27, '68 will be the first delegate Convention for the State of Indiana, let us make it crystal clear that attendance at the Convention this year is OPEN to any member of a Christian Church(Disciples of Christ) provided they register. We repeat: The convention is OPEN to all who register.

The registration fee for non-voting members is \$2.50; \$2.00 if registration is sent prior to midnight April 1.

Fee for voting delegates is \$5.00; \$4.50 if registration is sent prior to midnight April 1.

The church office would appreciate it if our members who plan to attend the convention would notify the office as soon as possible. Our church may send six voting delegates. These six must be appointed before April 1.

Sundays March 24 and 31, are the suggested registration days. Check your March issue of the Indiana Christian for information about the Convention program and schedule.

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### Christians In The Middle East

April World Call.

"American involvement in the tragic plight of landless peasants in the Bible lands goes back many years. A dozen schools and colleges in Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria; and seven hospitals in the area are supported by American Protestant funds. There are more than a hundred schools and hospitals of indigenous Christian churches in the same countries and well over a thousand Roman Catholic schools."

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"Pray today for the cleansing of our hearts of all prejudice, pride, and arrogance that the glory of Christ may shine through our lives."

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CYF. - 5:00 P.M. Sunday

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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CLASS; "The Meaning of Church Mem-  
bership" Saturday, March 23, 30,  
April 6, at 1:30 P.M.

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SAVE!! Old newspapers for either  
Chi Rho or Primary Department.

March 10, 1968

Church Attendance	312
Church School Attendance	231
Regular Church Offering	1374.98
Church School Offering	70.79
Week of Compassion	2.00
Building Fund Offering	2.00
	<u>\$ 1449.77</u>

### OUR CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE

\$6,917.40

### PRAYER VIGIL

The Department of Worship and Fine Arts, Dr. Butler, chairman, has prepared a chart and placed it in Fellowship Hall. Our members and families are asked to sign up for the periods for prayer at the time they would like to serve.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Robert Craig is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital. Room 907.

Little Andy Schilling is in Lutheran Hospital. Bill, Jr. has a broken foot.

Little Kirk Barnes is now at home after spending a few days in Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Carl Linn was in Parkview this week for tests.

### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

#### General Monthly Meeting

This will be an afternoon meeting on next Tuesday, March 19, at 1:00 P.M. The Spice Group is in charge of the program: "Join Hands in Faith". The Kepple Group are hostesses. Refreshments will be served by the McGavran Group. The new slate of officers will be read. Members of all our groups ARE the general Fellowship. You are expected to be present.

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## DOES MARCH ABUSE YOU, OR DO YOU USE MARCH?

March is a complex month: like Caesar, we may "beware the Ides (or middle) of March," with its hazards to health and temperamental weather; at the same time we relish the prospect of spring's arrival on the 21st.

A company bulletin says, "March was the first month of the year until the Romans adopted it as the third when they promulgated the Julian calendar in 46 B.C. The old Latin logic of March as the first month sprang from the vernal awakening of spring, the beginning of another season of fruitful growth. March remained the first month of the year in France until 1564, and in England until 1752. March was named after Mars, the Roman god of war. Old folks say if March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb, and vice-versa. In the lexicon of black arts, we learn that to get a haircut in March invites a headache the rest of the year . . . Let us resolve to turn the joke on March by coming in like a lion and going out like a lion. With both ends thus buttressed, no latitude is left for a sag in the middle. March is a good month to practice patience, tolerance, and self-discipline."

These words suggest values in the days of lent. Lent is this time when one can add to his awareness of God by giving renewed attention to prayer; to his knowledge of the Bible, by re-reading a Gospel; to his church loyalty, by faithful attendance; to his Christian influence, by deeds of kindness to others. Thus March as part of Lent is not just a period on the calendar, but a milestone of Christian growth.

**"IT'S HAPPENING - APRIL 28th - at FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH .....  
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL"**

**CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

**C-O-N-G-R-A-T-U-L-A-T-I-O-N-S!**

Rick Hendricks of our CYF was, last Sunday, elected Vice-President of District One. That means he will serve as vice-president for one year and next year he automatically advances to the office of president of District One.

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**PRIMARY VISITATION**

Parents of children in the Primary Department are invited to visit Sunday, March 24 at 9:30 - 9:45 A.M. Afterwards, you are free to remain or attend your regular class.

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**CHI RHO**

Chi Rho will meet at the church on Saturday, March 23, at 9:30 A.M. for purpose of collecting newspapers. You are asked to bring twine and a sack lunch. Work will stop at 2:30. In the event of rain, the collection is cancelled.

On Sunday, we will meet at 5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall for a craft session. We will dismiss at 6:30.

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**READ "THE CHRISTIAN"**

A quantity of "The Christian", national journal of Christian Churches, is received weekly by our church - in fact, 132 copies. Many are well-read, but often numbers of issues are left. Officers and teachers are asked to distribute "The Christian" to classes, and to place extra copies in the narthex; in the corridor near the chapel, or in Fellowship Hall, for others to pick up.

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Easter stands for life ..

here and hereafter!

**CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT**

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Berean	11	6.50
'58 Class	20	14.00
Pairs & Spares	7	4.50
High School	16	3.05
Junior High	21	3.35
Junior Dept.	31	8.73
Primary	26	4.31
Kindergarten	11	.69
Nursery 2-4	9	-
Babes & Toddlers	4	.61
	222	\$ 78.65

**MRS. BIXENMAN'S ORDINATION**

Mrs. Miriam Bixeman, who has been called as our church's director of Christian education and youth, will be ordained to the Christian ministry in a service at First Christian Church, at Bloomington, Illinois, on Sunday evening, March 31, at 7:30. "Mrs. B." has completed her residence requirements this month for the Master's degree in Religious Education at Lexington Theological Seminary, and on finishing her thesis expects to receive her diploma in June. She is to be highly commended for both accomplishments, ordination and graduation; letters of good wishes can be sent to 820 East Douglas, Bloomington, Ill. 61701. Mrs. Bixeman hopes that she can move to Fort Wayne mid-April, where she will be living at 1810 Chartwell Drive, Victoria Square.

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Bro. John Williams was hurt in an automobile accident on last Monday evening while on his way back to the Seminary. We have no details at this time.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE  
Officers Serving Sunday, March 24  
ELDERS:-

Eugene Klepfer

David Griggs

Alternates:-

Kenneth Edwards-

S. E. Merriman

DEACONS: Captain, Thomas Frappier

James J. Cain

Frank M. Moody

Le Roy Timbrook

Paul Truby

Paul Yentes

Max Finkhousen

Ray Loftin

John Clark

Alternates:

W. Harry Imbody

William Schilling

James Ruble

Ted Bryan

DEACONESSES - March 24

Mrs. William Love

Mrs. Walter Williams

SUNDAY GREETERS - March

Progressive Class

Sunday Greeters - April

Berean Class

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SYMPATHY - We were grieved to learn that Mrs. Orpha Yost died on Wednesday morning of this week. Services will be on Friday. We extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Miss Ruth.

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ABOITE INSTALLATION SERVICE

The service of installation for F. Wesley Adell as minister at the Aboite Christian Church has been postponed until this Sunday evening, March 24, at 7:30 PM. Mr. Adell is a student at Fort Wayne Bible College. John Thompson will share in the service, and Franklin McGuire will have the message. Members of this congregation are invited to the service.

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL  
CHRISTIANS .... The following  
statement has been distributed to  
churches of Fort Wayne:

"In response to the report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, we, the members of the Race Relations Commission of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne, Inc., issue the following statement: We abhor the possibility of increased separation and inequality between the races in our society.

We confess that we share the guilt of society that is more alienated than reconciled. While recognizing that many problems need to be dealt with on a national scale, we urge the church congregations and parishes of Fort Wayne to take the following steps toward an integrated and equal community: (1) Employ, during the summer, potential high school drop-outs in supervised, staff-aid positions, with Christian vocations as possible job training objectives, and with scholarships as possible outgrowths of such an experience.

(2) Declare policy of open housing practices, and expect each member to set an example of the application thereof in his own neighborhood.

(3) Promote integration in the public schools, and in the churches, and take the first step in that direction by establishing joint Vacation Bible Schools, with Negro and White churches paired to share facilities, materials, and staff, and with the Associated Churches helping to make the arrangements. (4) Provide loans, grants, and volunteers, to assist the East Central Improvement Corporation in rehabilitating homes in the central city. As individual Christians, promise to work to promote these goals. ...."

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The class is open to any who are interest-  
ed, whether they were present at the first  
session or not.

March 17, 1968

Church Attendance	279
Church School Attendance	222
Regular Church Offering	942.37
Church School Offering	78.65
Building Fund Offering	5.00
Easter Offering	10.00
	<u>\$ 1036.02</u>

### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ..

\$ 6,917.40

### PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Dale Parkerson has been in Park-  
view Hospital, Room 443

Mrs. Robert (Ina) Smith is a patient in  
Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Maud Miller is in room 209, St.  
Joseph's Hospital. She had surgery a few  
weeks ago.

The Schilling baby is still in Lutheran  
hospital.

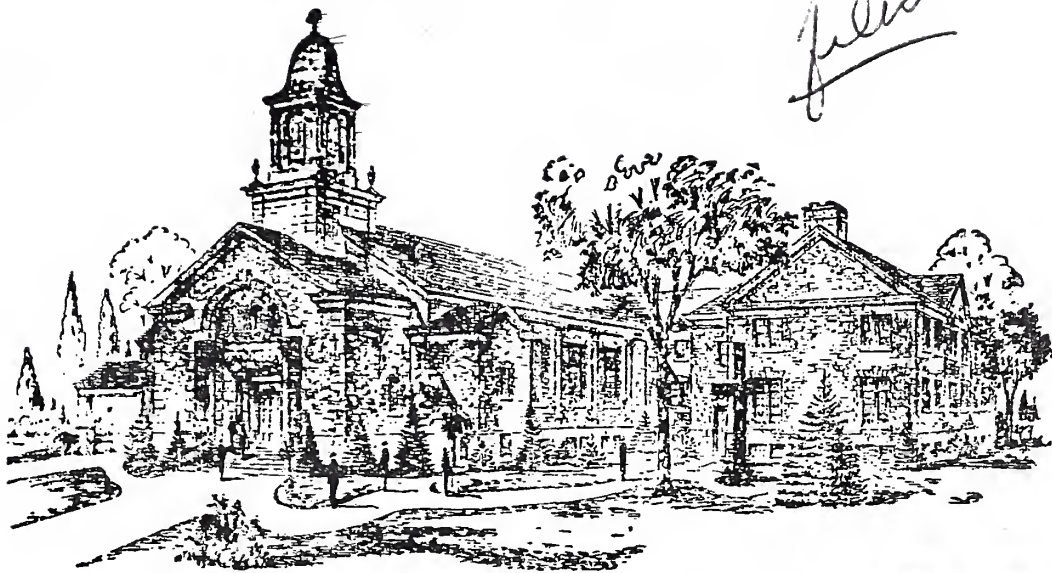
Mr. Robert Clipp is in Room 630, Luth-  
eran Hospital.

### COME DOUBLE CLASS

The Class will have a carry-in dinner  
on Friday evening, March 29, at 6:30.  
in Fellowship Hall, for all members of  
the class and their families.

CHAIN OF PRAYER - to begin Good  
Friday evening, April 12 and continue  
through Easter morning. Individuals,  
couples and families needed to accept  
30-minute periods for prayer, in the  
Chapel. Chart for scheduling is posted  
in Fellowship Hall,

STATE CONVENTION - April 25, 26, 27  
(Thursday - Saturday); Hammond - High  
land (Lake County)



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## THE OUT-GOING WAY

Jesus has been described as "a man who went about doing good". Those who chose to live in his distinctive manner soon used the apt label, "the Way". It suggests the out-going nature of the Christian faith, as responsible followers rise to challenges and take initiative in witnessing to the Gospel. In our day when the church is often scolded for what it is not doing, it is good to write about persons who continue in this out-going way.

Sunday evening the Aboite Christian Church expressed their appreciation for several who during the past year led worship services and assured them that no Lord's Day would be missed there; John Thompson in particular gave such leadership, often conducting worship himself, and securing others. Among those from our church have been Ralph Church, Kenneth Gould, Floyd Morrical, Hugh Rice, Merle Rice, Richard Vanderwall, Mrs. Owen Vaught, Herman Weber, William Wilson and members of the CYF.

Each week we have concerned members who make uncounted numbers of visits in homes and hospitals. Three elders have been especially "out-going": Walter Birkhold, William Caldwell and Kenneth Edwards. Other elders have similarly gone out visiting, as have many couples. Women of the church express concern for home-bound members with many gestures, in behalf of the whole church. The evangelism committee goes out frequently each month to reach those who might also become "those of the Way".

This is the church at work, engaged in outreach!

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Stanley Cole, 7430 U.S. #24, West on Tuesday April 2, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Herbert Banet; Worship by Mrs. Harley Meadows.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Mark Snyder, 4709 Schaper Dr., Tuesday, April 2, at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Henry Butler; Worship by Mrs. Charles Dilts.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Dale Parkerson, 3216 Crescent Ave., on Wednesday, April 3, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. David Hogg and Mrs. Wm Love; Worship by Mrs. Earl Plummer.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. E. A. Fusselman, 6309 Bluffton Rd. Wednesday, April 3, at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. E. Darwachter will be assistant hostess. Program by Mrs. Dennis Andrew; Worship by Mrs. Terry King.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Paul Whitton, 3308 S. Clinton St. on Thursday, April 4, at 7:45 P.M. Program by Mrs. Virgil Montgomery; Worship by Mrs. Helen Clymore. Members of this group are asked to bring items for a Silent Auction.

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### THE CHI RHO PAPER COLLECTION

which was postponed last Saturday because of the snow, will be this Saturday. The Chi Rhos are to meet at the church at 9:30 A.M. Bring twine and a sack lunch. We will stop collecting papers at 3:00 P.M.

CHI RHO will meet on this Sunday at 5:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall for a craft session. A special Worship service will be held in the chapel. The CYF group have been invited to join in this worship service.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers serving Sunday, March 31.

### ELDERS:

Earl Plummer

Cecil Rice

### Alternates:

Hugh Rice

Albert Powell

### DEACONS: Captain - Thomas Frappier

Arthur W. Mowery

E.M. O'Laughlin

Ralph Weesner

James W. Lehman

Merle D. Rice

Leon H. Johns

Herbert C. Banet

Marvin Crouse

### Alternates -

William Wilson

D. Wayne Penny

Robert Westerfield

Romane Cole

### DEACONESSES - March 31, April 7 -

and Maundy Thursday, April 11

Mrs. Edwin Allen

Mrs. Max Finkhousen

### SUNDAY GREETERS - March

Progressive Class

### Sunday Greeters - April

Berean Class

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### COME DOUBLE CLASS

The Class will have a carry-in dinner on Friday evening, March 29, at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall, for all members of the class and their families.

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### PERSONAL MENTION

Brian Ruble had a tonsilectomy last week. He is coming along in fine shape.

Mr. David St. John was in the hospital for a few days last week.

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Jesus proved that a sinless life can be lived in a sinful world.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

	Att.	Off
Friendly Class	11	3.00
Progressive Class	34	17.75
Come Double Class	12	6.70
Berean Class	6	3.25
'58 Class	13	8.50
Pairs & Spares	12	7.05
High School Class	13	3.40
Junior High Dept.	18	2.75
Junior Dept.	21	6.27
Primary Dept.	26	3.55
Kindergarten	8	.57
Nursery 2-4	7	1.12
Babies & Toddlers	4	.77
	188	\$ 64.68

### SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS WANTED

The education committee is seeking persons who will do substitute or short-term teaching in the Church School, especially during the summer weeks. This is necessary because of changed schedules and vacations of regular teachers, but also to give these faithful workers opportunities to be in classes as learners occasionally. Men and Women are needed in this teaching role, for which some training will be supplied. Please inform John Thompson, chairman.

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### NOTES OF THANKS

Personal notes of thanks from members of the church to others for kindnesses and attention at times of illness deaths, etc., are gladly posted on the bulletin board for all to see. space does not allow inclusion in "Tidings" usually, therefore some are omitted; it has been decided to post your own note or letter, or the secretary will be glad to write the message you telephone to the church.

## A PEOPLE OF MUCH PRAYER

Thirty-six hours of continuous prayer are to be offered in our church, beginning Good Friday evening, April 12, and continuing until 8:30 Easter morning, April 14. As of Sunday, 43 of the 30-minute periods of prayer had been signed for; others are needed to accept a time, for the personal experience and to keep the prayer-vigil constant in the chapel. Notice each week in "The Christian", those churches participating in the Chain of Prayer daily. The schedule of prayer periods is posted on the bulletin board near the south entrance.

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### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

One week from this Sunday will be Palm Sunday, beginning Holy Week. The Palm Sunday service will be of special nature, because of its message and music; both the children's choir and the bell choir will share in the service. A vesper service for baptism will be held in the afternoon at 4:00. The Maundy Thursday service of communion will begin at 7:30, April 11. The setting for worship will be reminiscent of the Last Supper. Two opportunities for worship on Good Friday will be available. Our church will cooperate with others from 12:00 until 3:00, at Christ Methodist Church, 1100 McKinnie. A film, "The Parable", will be shown at 12:00 and at 2:00; a guided service of worship will be in the sanctuary at 1:00, and at the same time another service for children. At 7:30 a union service will be held in our sanctuary. The service of Tenebrae, of candlelight and music, emphasizing the "shadows" of the Crucifixion will be a privilege for all worshipers. A union choir will sing and participants from several churches will join in the service. The Chain of Prayer will commence following this service.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 1968

9:15 A.M. Church School - Classes for  
all age groups.

10:30 A.M. Morning Worship  
(A nursery is provided for children  
and infants through age 3)

#### CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Sanctuary and High School Choirs-  
Thursdays at 7:30 P.M.

Bell Choirs - Sundays at 4:00 P.M.

CHI RHO - 5:00 P.M. Sunday

CYF - 5:00 P.M. Sundays

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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Class: "The Meaning of Church Member-  
ship", Saturday March 30, and April 6  
at 1:30 P.M.

The class is open to any who are interested.

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March 24, 1968

Church Attendance	305
Church School Attendance	183
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1220.57
Church School Offering	64.68
	<u>\$ 1285.19</u>

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...  
\$ 5,754.46

### PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Maud Miller is now at the home of  
a sister at 2717 Winter St. She will be at  
home, 1921-1/2 Reidmiller before too  
long.

Gregory Allen came this week to  
make his home with his parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. Donald Sell. Our congratula-  
tions and best wishes to this family.

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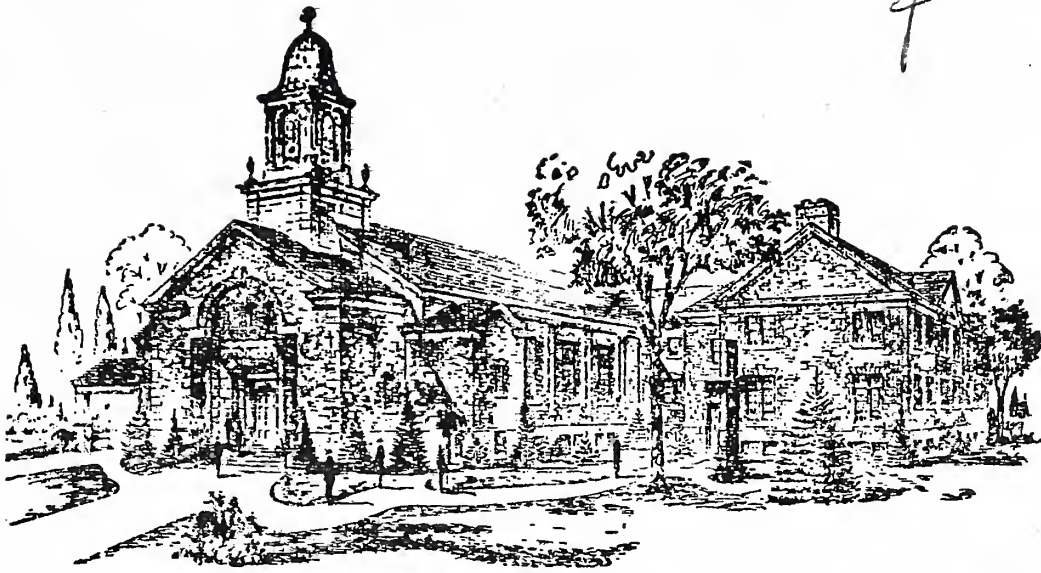
### ORDINATION SERVICE

The service of ordination to the Chris-  
tian ministry for Mrs. Mariam Bixenman  
will be conducted Sunday night at First  
Christian Church, Bloomington, Illinois,  
where she has been director of education  
and youth for 13 years. Mrs. Bixenman  
will come to our church following Easter  
to serve in a similar capacity of leader-  
ship. Christian churches have ordained  
women as well as men for many years;  
a large number of ordained women di-  
rectors, associates, missionaries, teachers  
and musicians serve our churches. Mrs.  
Bixenman was in Fort Wayne briefly last  
week, attending to details prior to her  
move.

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### "SECRET PLACE"

Copies of the "Secret Place" are a-  
vailable at the entrances, to be used by  
families and individuals for personal  
worship.



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## HOLY WEEK BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

**PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP** - 10:30 - special music will use the sanctuary, youth and children's choirs, and trumpet accompaniment for one anthem.

Sermon: "When the City Came to Jesus".

- **SERVICE OF BAPTISM** - 7:30 (Note the time change!) Candlelight service for those professing Christian faith that morning or in the evening; first communion for them, and their families, will follow in the chapel.

**MAUDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE** - 7:30 - commemorating the Last Supper.

**GOOD FRIDAY** - our church will cooperate in union opportunities for worship.

- in the afternoon at Christ Methodist Church, 1100 McKinnie, the unusual film, "The Parable", will be shown at 12:00 and 2:00. At 1:00 guided service of worship will be held; Mr. McGuire will have one of two messages then. A children's service will also be held there at 1:00.
- in the evening in our sanctuary - 7:30 - the service of Tenebrae or "shadows"; during appropriate music and readings, candles are extinguished to underscore the crucifixion.

**CHAIN OF PRAYER** - begins Friday after the worship service, and continues in the chapel until Easter morning.

**EASTER SUNDAY** - a triumphant service of worship, celebrating the resurrection. Music will include the bell choir. Sermon: "Eternity is Eventful".

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Miss Verna Sullivan, 121 E. Branning Monday, April 8, at 8:00 P.M. Program Mrs. Charles Dare; Worship by Miss Sullivan.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Rayl, 5109 Fernwood Tuesday evening, April 9, at 8:00 PM Program by Rosalie Hall; Worship, Mrs. Clair Buskirk.

The Nelson Group will meet with Mrs. Charles Wrisk 259 E. Sherwood Terrace Wednesday, April 10, at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Donald Davenport; Worship Mrs. Robert Hendricks.

The SPICE Group will meet at the church Wednesday April 10, at 9:00 A.M. Mrs. Henry Schryver and Mrs. Earl Plummer are co-hostesses. Program by Mrs. David Hogg and Mrs. William Love; Worship by Mrs. Earl Plummer.

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RUMMAGE SALE - CWF: Saturday, Apr. 27, at corner Parnell and Kenwood.

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### CHAIN OF PRAYER

There are 19 links in the Chain of Prayer still to be taken, during the continuous period for prayer in the chapel beginning at 8:30 on Good Friday, April 12, and concluding at 8:30, Easter morning. The chart of names of persons accepting 30-minute intervals of prayer and meditation is posted on the bulletin board near the south entrance. Devotional resources, of prayers and readings, will be on hand. While persons are to be scheduled throughout the 36-hours to guarantee "prayer without ceasing", all persons of the church may visit the chapel to share in this special opportunity for prayer.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday April 7

### ELDERS:

Dr. Henry Lee Butler

Mr. Herman Weber

### Alternates -

Mr. William Crouse

Mr. John Merrill

DEACONS: Captain - Thomas Frappier

Arthur Mowery

E.M. O'Laughlin

Ralph Weesner

James Lehman

Merle Rice

Leon Johns

Herbert Banet

Marvin Crouse

### Alternates -

James Heavin

John C. Varner

George Davis

Vernon Moore

DEACONESSSES - April 7 and April 11

Mrs. Edwin Allen

Mrs. Max Finkhousen

SUNDAY GREETERS - April

Berean Class

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### CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

	Att.	Off
Friendly Class	20	4.00
Progressive	35	17.15
Come Double	25	18.75
Berean Class	9	6.00
'58 Class	20	13.00
Pairs & Spares	7	4.25
High School Class	21	4.10
Junior High Dept.	17	3.05
Junior Dept.	33	8.78
Primary Dept	35	4.14
Kindergarten	12	1.28
Nursery 2-4	10	1.21
Babes & Toddlers	5	.50
	239	\$ 86.21

## R U G G E D   P A T H

EASTER - 1968

Palestine is a rugged country. In the days of Christ the paths from village to village were traveled with difficulty. The wayfarer encountered dangers from bandits and experienced other travel hardships. The ways of the reformer and prophet were even more difficult. Traditions, like gigantic boulders, blocked many roads to brotherhood. The rugged path followed by our Lord led to Golgotha and the cross. The way was transformed by love from drabness to beauty.... The way led beyond the cross; from the tomb came life. Christians follow, the rugged path he chose, willing to pay the price, assured of - life!

The Easter offering is A WAY to participate in the ministries of Christ....

### ..... LAST MEMBERSHIP CLASS

The final class on "Meaning of Church Membership" will be conducted this Saturday at 1:30. Those who have attended should return, and any others may attend this one session.

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SYMPATHY is extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. William Schilling in the death of their little son, Andy, who passed away on Tuesday of this week. April 2.

### ..... JOINT CHOIR REHEARSAL

The rehearsal of the choirs participating in the Good Friday service will be at 4:00 this Sunday afternoon in our sanctuary. A combined choir of over 50 voices, coming from several churches in the south-east area of the city, will sing for the Tenebrae service at 7:30, P. M. Friday, April 12. Mr. Don Parlette will direct the music.

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NOTE: There will be no Primary Church on Easter Sunday.

## MRS. BIXENMAN ORDAINED

Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, who will begin her duties as director of education and youth in our church this month, was ordained to the Christian ministry in an impressive service at First Christian Church, Bloomington, Ill., on Sunday evening. Taking part in the service were the general secretary and associate secretary of Illinois Christian Churches, a brother-in-law who is a United Brethren Church minister, and the minister and elders of the Bloomington Congregation. Her preparation, service and commitment to the church were highly praised. Robert Hendricks and Franklin McGuire attended the service, and during a reception had opportunity to speak to her, her son and two sisters. Mrs. Bixenman expects to move to Fort Wayne following Easter.

## ..... 129th INDIANA STATE CONVENTION

April 25 - 27, 1968

This will be a 'different' convention in that it is the first delegate convention in Indiana and also one of the shortest as it does not carry over the week-end. Just a few bits of information about our president: Mrs. Ronald Osborn is a housewife, mother, Girl Scout leader, community worker, and churchwoman. She is the wife of the Dean of CTS. She has served as chairman of Recommendations Committee, chairman of Commission on Christian Social Concerns, vice-pres. of the State Convention; a member of the Study Commission for six years, has represented Indiana on Recommendations committee of the International Convention. She has served in leadership at all three Quadrennials, CWF Retreats, District Conventions; served as Director of Study for CWF in Indiana. She is a member of University Park Christian Church at Indianapolis. A very able person.

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Andrew C. Caak ..... Church Treasurer  
~~Richard Randle~~  
John R. Thompson .... Church School Supt.

### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 1968

9:15 A.M. Church School - Classes for  
all age groups

10:30 A.M. Morning Worship  
(A nursery is provided for children  
and infants through age 3)

#### CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Sanctuary and Youth Choirs -  
Thursdays at 7:30 P.M.

Bell Choirs - Sundays at 4:00 P.M.

CHI RHO - 5:00 P.M. Sunday

CYF - 5:00 P.M. Sundays

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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CHI RHO - will meet at the church at  
1:00 P.M. and go to the Holliday Theater  
for recreation, returning to the church at  
4:00 P.M.

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Class: "The Meaning of Church Member-  
ship", Saturday, April 6 at 1:30 P.M.

March 31, 1968

Church attendance	316
Church School attendance	239
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1018.81
Church School offering	86.01
U.C.F.A	18.20
Building fund	1.00
	<u>\$ 1124.02</u>

### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...

Due the Lincoln Bank and the Memorial  
Trust Fund ..... \$20,754.46

### USE "THE SECRET PLACE"

Individuals and families should use  
"The Secret Place" daily, especially  
during Holy Week. Copies of the devo-  
tional booklet are available for this  
spring quarter. Daily meditations are  
written by Christian Church members,  
and the booklet is published jointly with  
the American Baptists.

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### OUR ENTERPRISING CYF

The Christian Youth Fellowship has on  
sale decals or gummed insignia for win-  
dows or cars, identifying members of the  
Christian Church. These are 25¢. The  
CYF is also hard at work on a "happening"  
or evening entertainment to be presented  
on April 28, which will delight everyone.  
Proceeds from these efforts will be for  
their program goals and outreach. CYF  
members have also helped with church  
clean-up, especially Chip Allen and  
Rick Hendricks, who completed clean-  
ing under the stage.

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Board meeting, Tuesday April 9, 8:00  
Elders meeting 7:30, prior to Board meet-  
ing.



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## MAUNDY THURSDAY

"Do this in remembrance of me."

7:30 - Communion Service, in the sanctuary.

## GOOD FRIDAY

"When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to myself."

12:00 - "Parable", a film )

1:00 - Service of Worship )

1:00 - Children's Service )

2:00 - "Parable" )

You may attend any part or all

at Christ Methodist Church

1101 McKinnie Ave.

7:30 - Tenebrae Service, in our sanctuary.

7:30 - Youth Service, at Simpson Methodist Church

8:30 - Chain of Prayer begins in our chapel.

## EASTER SUNDAY

"I am the resurrection and the life."

8:30 - Chain of Prayer concludes.

9:15 - Church School; Special Easter offering.

10:30 - Service of Worship; music by the bell choir, and anthems:

"My Eternal King" by the sanctuary choir, and

"Up, Up, My Heart with Gladness" by the women's choir and  
bell choir.

Sermon: "Eternity is Eventful"

## BAPTISMS

Our church rejoices that a number of young persons made their confession of faith during the Palm Sunday worship service. Baptized that evening were; Debra Allen, Cindy Bryan, Julia Crouse, Jeffrey Frappier, Debbie Nordblom, Barbara Taylor, and Becky Sue Webster. James Brickley was baptized on Tuesday evening.

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## CHAIN OF PRAYER

Sixty different individuals have accepted 30-minute periods during the Chain of Prayer; there are some intervals not yet taken during the 36 hours of continuous prayer. This year every one in the church is urged to participate in the vigil; persons and whole families are welcome to visit the chapel, along with those who have guaranteed that the chain not be broken, at any time during the 36 hours. It is preferred that persons enter and leave the chapel on the hour or half-hour. Resource materials for prayer and meditation will be at the entrance, and a register for names of those participating. There will be men in the building at all times during the night, as a security measure.

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## THE FILM, "PARABLE"

This unusual film, "Parable", will be shown twice during the Good Friday observance sponsored by south-east area churches at Christ Methodist Church. Approximately 30-minutes long, it is a conception of the crucifixion which prompts mixed feelings and reactions. It was produced for showing at the New York World's Fair, to create wonder and challenge. It has been widely viewed, and acclaimed for its artistry and message.

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## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Easter Sunday

### ELDERS:

Robert Rayl

Rufus Quinn

### Alternates:

Andrew Cook

David Hogg

### DEACONS: Captain, Edwin R. Allen

Robert Hendricks

Richard Burkett

John Hechler

Donald L. Miller

Robert Ogles

Arthur Huddleston

Norman Strayer

Orie McDougle

### Alternates:

Frank Moody

LeRoy Timbrook

### DEACONESSSES: April 14, 21, 28

Mrs. Rolland Ripple

Mrs. J. Fred Smell

### SUNDAY GREETERS - April

Berean Class

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## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

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Junior High	22	1.87
Junior Dept.	31	6.36
Primary Dept.	34	4.77
Kindergarten	14	1.74
Nursery 2-4	16	1.06
Babes & Toddlers	6	.37
	250	\$ 77.68

## STATE CONVENTION

Church conventions are not "gab-fests" and a good time on the town! Neither are they dull and long-winded! This year's convention of Christian Churches at Hammond-Highland, will be a particularly exciting one because of its location enabling delegates to view inner-city possibilities; because of matters of business demanding the best thinking from the churches; because of informative messages and thoughtful worship; because of a unique format, whereby much time will be spent "on wheels" touring the area, then reacting to what is learned; plus the simple fact that it is a good thing for Christians to get together. Delegates will be authorized by the church to vote on recommendations, but each and everyone is urged to attend as much as possible - April 25, 26 & 27 (Thursday through Friday).

## YOUTH CONVENTION

A state youth convention for young members of Christian Churches will also convene at Hammond-Highland, beginning on Friday evening. Their sessions will also include tours, a youth banquet, and will conclude at noon on Sunday.

## APRIL 28: VAUDEVILLE SHOW

There's been nothing like it - and there may not be another! The old folks will reminisce, and the young ones will find out what good entertainment was before T-V. A high-class vaudeville show and ice-cream supper will be for your enjoyment on Sunday evening, Apr. 28, presented by our CYF. Several acts are prepared, with good music, clever sets and props, and bright costumes. You'll have a good time, plus a dish of ice-cream. Get tickets from any one of our CYF'ers, for one of the two shows on April 28.

## THE WORDS OF THIS WEEK

Holy Week services produces words that we rarely if ever use any other time. Lent concludes this week; we remember that word comes from the early Latin derivatives meaning "lengthening of days" or "spring." Easter is a word surviving the Teutonic era and mythology, for "Eas-tre", an Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring.

Maundy Thursday is from the Latin "mandatum" and simply means "commandment", mindful of Jesus' words, "A new commandment give I unto you" and "Do this in remembrance of me." Tenebrae, the service on Good Friday, means "shadows" and reflects the sorrowful atmosphere enveloping this crucifixion.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. John A. Steigerwald (Myrna) underwent a tonsilectomy on Tuesday of this week at Parkview Hospital.

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## Community Service and Social Action

Ask yourself the question, what can I do about the many problems of the world? Our city of Fort Wayne is a troubled city! Our church CAN HELP but we can only be successful if we can count on your help.

Step 1. Become genuinely concerned about the problems of your neighbors. In Fellowship Hall you will find a large city map on which is outlined the troubled "East Central Neighborhood" you have been hearing much about. Playground areas are also noted on the map. What would be your reaction if this were the situation in YOUR neighborhood? The Community Action Committee is aware of a most simple grievance - the children have nowhere to play. Christ taught LOVE. Do you love your neighbor as yourself? Do you CARE? Merle Rice, Chrmn.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 1968

#### EASTER

9:15 A.M. Church School - Classes for  
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10:30 A.M. Morning Worship  
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#### CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Sanctuary and Youth Choirs -

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CHI RHO and CYF - There will not be  
youth meetings on Easter Sunday.

BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

KINDERGARTEN CHURCH and  
PRIMARY CHURCH will not meet on  
EASTER SUNDAY MORNING.

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"OUR MESSAGE: A Living Christ for a  
Dying World."

April 7, 1968

Church attendance	465
Church School Attendance	250
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1634.01
Church School Offering	77.68
Easter offering	11.00
Building Fund	10.00
	<u>\$ 1732.69</u>

### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ..

Amount due the Lincoln Bank and the  
Memorial Trust Fund ... \$20,754.46

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### EASTER OFFERING

More persons will be in worship in  
Christian churches this Sunday than at  
any time of the year, giving their pre-  
sence, time and interest in response to  
the resurrection of Christ. It is an op-  
portunity to give tangibly too, in re-  
sponse to God's gift of life eternal. The  
Easter offering is a way to participate  
in the continuous ministries of Christ.  
As with every special offering, this one  
is for important purposes: church devel-  
opment (new congregations), evangel-  
ism, church extension (new buildings  
and improved facilities), Christian ac-  
tion and community service (contem-  
porary issues, such as inner-city prob-  
lems), aid for retired ministers, and  
home mission ministries (such as  
among puerto Ricans in New York,  
Mexicans in Texas, Indians on the  
west coast, people around Hazel Green,  
Ky.) Christians share in the ongoing  
ministry of Christ through this offering.  
GIVE ON EASTER SUNDAY.

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On that first Easter day life and death  
faced each other in mortal combat.  
And life won.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH"

"AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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"EACH VENTURE IS A NEW BEGINNING"

-- T.S. Eliot

Mrs. Miriam Bixenman has arrived in Fort Wayne and has taken up her responsibilities as director of Christian education and youth in our church. We have waited eagerly for her to come to us, and now we welcome her into our community and church fellowship. There is much to be done among us in this enormous area of personal Christian growth and understanding, and development of the congregation's potential for good follower-ship and leadership.

We are pleased to have secured Mrs. Bixenman in this ministry among us. She has excellent training, and a fine record of service and guidance in a similar position; for over 13 years she has been director at First Christian Church, Bloomington, Illinois. She is fondly regarded by many friends, and highly esteemed by colleagues. She has completed requirements for the master's degree in religious education, and was ordained to the Christian ministry last month in Bloomington. Her son, Jay, is a junior at Eureka College, training for a church vocation; he will continue to live in Bloomington.

"Mrs. B." will welcome contacts with all persons in our congregation, especially among classes of the church school, youth fellowship and any groups related to the total education program of the church. Her office is on the second floor, above the minister's study, in the south-west corner. She has taken an apartment at 1810 Chartwell Drive, which is the first building in Victoria Square

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## 129th INDIANA STATE CONVENTION

Is scheduled for next week, April 25-27. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Our minister and secretary will be attending. We are entitled to 6 voting delegates and others will be chosen. This year's convention will be a particularly exciting one because of its location, at Hammond-Highland, in Lake County. The convention will enable delegates to view inner-city possibilities; because of matters of business demanding the best thinking from the churches; because of informative messages and thoughtful worship; because of a unique format, whereby much time will be spent 'on wheels' touring the area, then reacting to what is learned; plus the simple fact that it is a good thing for Christians to get together. Delegates will be authorized by the church to vote on recommendations, but each and everyone is urged to attend.

A state youth convention for young members of Christian Churches will begin on Friday evening. Their sessions will also include tours of the area, a youth banquet, and will close at noon on Sunday.

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**CAR WASH** - Chi Rho will sponsor a car wash on Saturday May 4, with a rain date on May 11, to help finance their trip to Chicago. Your patronage is invited.

**PAPER DRIVE** - The Chi Rho paper drive will continue through April, with last selling date April 27. Anyone having papers to be collected please call the sponsors, Mrs. Harley Meadows or Mrs. Hendricks Love. Or, Barbara Love or Steve Bruckman. This Sunday night the Chi Rho will meet in study room for rehearsal and to cast parts for a play.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, April 21

### ELDERS:

John Thompson  
Harold Crowder

### Alternates:

Alfred Schell  
Ralph Church

### DEACONS: Captain, Edwin R. Allen

Robert Hendricks  
Richard Burkett  
John Heckler  
Donald L. Miller  
Robert Ogles  
Arthur Huddleston  
Norman Strayer  
Orie McDougale

### Alternates -

Paul Yentes  
Max Finkhausen  
Ray Loftin  
John Clark

### DEACONESSSES: April 21, 28

Mrs. Rolland Ripple  
Mrs. J. Fred Smell

### SUNDAY GREETERS - April

Berean Class

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## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 1968

	Att.	Off.
Friendly Class	17	\$ 40.00
Progressive Class	40	176.75
Come Double Class	19	31.00
Berean Class	14	63.50
'58 Class	22	27.00
Pairs & Spares	7	19.00
High School	23	7.19
Junior High Dept	25	8.00
Junior Dept.	36	19.27
Primary Dept	24	21.88
Kindergarten		4.06
Nursery 2-4	11	3.92
Babes & Toddlers	6	2.60
	244	\$ 429.58

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Elmer Jordan is recuperating after breaking her ankle several weeks ago.

CONGRATULATIONS - Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jordan celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this Thursday, Apr. 18.

We are happy to report that both Mr. Paul Truby and Mr. Robert Clipp have gone home after spending some time in the hospital.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At their meeting on Tuesday of this week an election of officers for 1968-69, was held. Those elected to office were: Mrs. George Bruckman, President; Mrs. Walter J. Williams, Vice-President; Mrs. Robert Ogles, Second vice-president; Mrs. Hendricks Love recording secretary; Mrs. S.E. Merri-man, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Robert Clipp, treasurer. Mrs. T.R. Eiler reviewed the book, "The Shadow of His Hand". Mrs. Robert Clipp of Higdon Group brought the worship. Miss Pearl Heidecker gave the dedication service for blessing box offerings. These offerings will be taken to the Leadership Training Institute for CWF on May 2, at Auburn. Mrs. Vaught, CWF president.

## VISIT THE HOLY LAND

It could be Nain, Cana or Emmaus! See the Palestinian village made by the first-year primary children, in their church school room. Second-year primary children are gathering toys for the children's floor of a local hospital.

When one gives himself to Christ, the giving of lesser things becomes easy.

## HOLD THAT LEVEL!

Football spectators are one voice and mind in backing their team with the repeated shout, "Hold that line!" Don't give an inch; don't weaken; allow no break or set-back!

Football is the wrong sport for this season, and it is a poor analogy - but we mightwell be of one voice and mind, and raise the shout, "Hold that line!" At least, hold that level - of attendance (684 on Easter!), worship, giving, attention to Christian values - that has been so evident.

Holy Week has been a 'mountain-top experience' with its several extraordinary moments. Again, music has lifted us with beauty and message. Our's is a fortunate church to have such fine-quality voices, abilities and dedication. the choirs (sanctuary, youth, children's and bell) created a proper atmosphere for each service, plus the help of the organ. Among soloists were Patty Wetzel (flute) and Kurt Schryver (recorder).

We must speak with gratitude of those who joined in the Chain of Prayer, and those who made its arrangements or who stayed in the building through the nights.

Rarely enough do we make it a point to acknowledge the thoughtfulness of elders' prayers, the unobtrusive serving of emblems by deacons, or the courtesy of ushers. These special seasons emphasize their effectiveness.

There are always persons behind the scenes: devotedly preparing communion; cleaning the church; attending to office details; helping with baptisms; handling finances; tending babies and guiding children ....

These are they who have helped us to the mountain-top during Easter; hold that level!. F.R. McGuire.

April 14, 1963

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 1963

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all age groups.

10:30 A.M. Morning Worship  
(A nursery is provided for children  
and infants through age 3)

#### CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Sanctuary and Youth Choirs -  
Thursdays at 7:30 P.M.

5:00 P.M. Chi Rho and Christian  
Youth Fellowship

BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 8:00 P.M.

SUNDAYS - 10:30 - Primary and  
Kindergarten Church

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CHI RHO's will meet in study room and  
will select roles for a play which will be  
presented in May.

Church Attendance	684
Church School Attendance	244
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1873.27
Church School offering	429.53
Easter Offering	223.60
Building Fund	14.00
Memorials for Library	78.10
	<u>\$ 2623.55</u>

### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ..

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Memorial Trust Fund ... \$20,754.46

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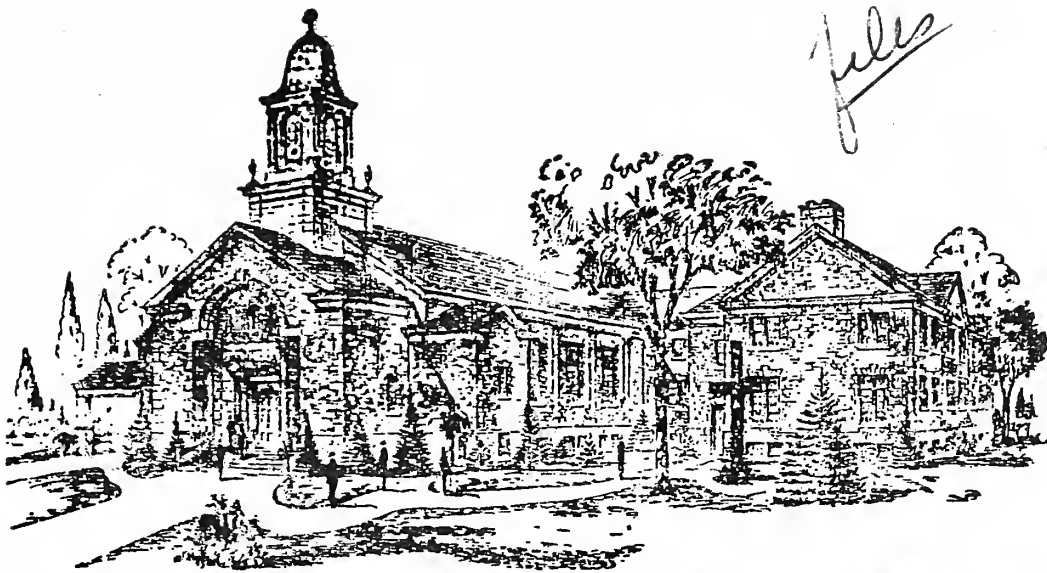
just off 5800 South Anthony.

April 21 will be Mrs. Bixenman's  
(pronounced "Bix'-man") first Sunday  
here; meet her and welcome her then,  
as together she and the church make this  
new beginning a rewarding venture.

### APRIL 28:VAUDEVILLE SHOW

This is a project of Christian Youth Fel-  
lowship. There's been nothing like it -  
and there may not be another! The old  
folks will reminisce, and the young ones  
will find out what good entertainment  
was before TV. A high-class vaudeville  
show and ice-cream supper will be for  
your enjoyment on Sunday evening, Apr.  
28, presented by our CYF. Several acts  
are prepared, with good music, clever  
sets and props, and bright costumes.  
You'll have a good time, plus a dish of  
ice-cream. Get tickets from any one of  
our CYF'ers, for one of the two shows on  
April 28.

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Now is the time for all good men, wo-  
men, boys and girls, to come to the aid  
of their church.



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## AS WE WORK AND GROW TOGETHER

The spirit of eagerness and willingness to cooperate and work together was so very evident as I met so many of you last Sunday! It was thrilling and I am sure that our days together will be both rewarding and enjoyable ones.

The area of Christian Education is not an isolated part of the life of the church. It is, rather, an undergirding factor in all of the church's life. Everything the church does teaches, whether what we plan to teach or not, and the church includes each of its members, both gathered and scattered in their daily lives.

Christian Education, to be Christian, must include within it the objective of all Christian Education - to help persons grow as sons of God, rooted in the Christian fellowship so completely that every facet of their lives will radiate this faith.

As I begin my work among and with you, my hope is that we may grow together in our desire and ability to work toward this objective. The details of just how we accomplish this must be worked out gradually, growing as we work. There is no specific course that we each may take that will accomplish this end. Rather, it is a long range, all-of-life program, one for which we never become too old and for which we are never too young. It includes character building, dealing with values for our lives, and goals that truly make a difference.

The new Christian Life Curriculum which will be coming to us in the fall of 1969 is very aptly named, for Christian Education is for all of life. The new materials or any materials, however, constitute only about 25% of the curriculum, for the

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# CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

## Monthly Group Meetings

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Leland Huggins, 5010 Woodhurst Dr., Wednesday, May 1, at 1:30 P.M.

Program by Mrs. W.W. Bundy; Worship by Mrs. Dennis Andrew.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Ethel Richhart, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herman Rorick, 829 Pasadena Drive, Thursday, May 2 at 7:45 P.M. Program by Mrs. Helen Clymore; worship by Mrs. Ethel Allen.

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CWF sponsored RUMMAGE SALE this Saturday, April 27, at corner of Parnell and Kenwood. Take your rummage to the room on Friday evening from 7 to 9 P.M. Mrs. Henry Schryver chairman.

Mrs. Bixenman's phone - 444-4735

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NEW MEMBERS welcomed into First Christian last Sunday were: Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, 1810 Chartwell Dr. our director of education and youth, from Bloomington, Ill.; Mr. & Mrs. Mack W. Taylor and Michael, by transfer and Jan by confession, 5212 Indiana Ave., from Northwest Christian Church Oklahoma City, Okla.

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## DISTRICT ONE BOARD MEET

Representatives from churches of District 1, of the Association of Christian Churches in Indiana will meet Tuesday April 30, at 6:30 at Kendallville. Plans and program for more effective church-  
 men-ship are discussed at these periodic meetings, convened by Glenn Tudor, Elkhart, district president, and Rev. Edwin Allender, state staff. Churches in the district are: Auburn, Elkhart, Fort Wayne, Kendallville, Laud-Saturn Vistula and Warsaw.

# AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, April 28

## ELDERS:

Myron Cole  
 J. Fred Smell

## Alternates -

Eugene Klepfer  
 Herman Weber

## DEACONS: Captain - Edwin R. Allen

William E. Wilson  
 D. Wayne Penny  
 Robert Westerfield  
 Romane Cole  
 James Heavin  
 John Varner  
 George R. Davis  
 Vernon Moore

## Alternates -

Arthur Mowery  
 E.M. O'Laughlin  
 Ralph Weesner  
 James W. Lehman

## DEACONESSES April 28

Mrs. Rolland Ripple  
 Mrs. J. Fred Smell

## SUNDAY GREETERS - April

Berean Class

## Sunday Greeters - May

Come Double Class

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## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

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Friendly Class	17	3.15
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Berean	16	6.00
'58 Class	17	12.00
Pairs & Spares	9	4.75
High School Class	18	4.20
Junior High Dept	18	1.88
Junior Dept.	30	7.32
Primary Dept.	27	3.58
Kindergarten	10	2.11
Nursery 2-4	9	1.19
	223	\$ 81.21

### C. Y. F. ICE CREAM SUPPER AND VAUDEVILLE SHOW

No one should miss the good time in the church to be presented by our Christian Youth Fellowship this Sunday evening, April 28, in the Fellowship Hall. You'll begin with a bowl of ice cream, home-made cookies, and visiting with friends around the tables. Then the show begins - "a re-e-e-ly big sheow", to quote the emcee of a competing vaudeville entertainment on Sunday evening! There'll be a rollicking grand entrance, followed by a medley of favorites to make oldsters nostalgic and youngsters appreciate good music. Fast-paced acts include "Baby Face," "Harrigan," a touch of opera, "Daisy," the Fireside Five, "Ma!", and "By the Sea", and end on a patriotic note.

Our young people have written, rehearsed, staged and costumed this production, which will be worth everyone's attention. Stage-settings are colorful, costumes are reminiscent of the '20's, and the acts and singing are good fun.

Two identical programs will be given, one at 6:30 P.M. and the second at 7:30. Cost is 75¢ for adults, and 50¢ for children --all for a good cause: for the outreach goals of the CYF and their continuing youth program. These high school young people have tickets, or they may be bought at the door this Sunday evening.

### INDIANA CHURCH CONVENTION THIS WEEK

Delegates from Christian churches in Indiana are being sent to act on recommendations and reports before the Indiana Convention of Christian Churches, this week at Hammond, April 25-27. This is the first delegate-assembly of our churches in the state, with the number representing each congregation determined by membership of the church. The delegate convention is becoming widespread among the states, and is increasing the registrations and attendance at sessions. Any and everyone is urged to attend the convention, but only designated delegates may vote on motions during business sessions. More than 20 items of business are scheduled for action, including further attention to the provisional design for restructure, resolutions on urban problems, and on state and national crises. This will be a unique convention because of its location in a metropolitan area: tours of the region are included in sessions, as a "convention on wheels," to view needs and challenges before the church. The Hammond Church is in itself unique, in that it has founded a second location in suburban Highland. There is one membership, one staff, one budget and board for the two locations, functioning as a single unit. President of the convention, which theme is "City of God - City of Man," is Mrs. Ronald Osborn. Mrs. Vaught and Mr. McGuire are attending the convention and Mrs. Bixenman will in part, and also the directors' sessions preceding it.

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SYMPATHY - is expressed to Mrs. Thomas Frappier in the death of her brother in Seattle, April 16.

The home of the Ted Bryan family was damaged by fire caused by lightning on April 14.

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Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, Christian Education and Youth Director.

### CHURCH CALENDAR

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SUNDAYS 10:30 A.M. Primary and Kindergarten Church

PERSONAL MENTION - Mr. Virgil Montgomery is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 501

Church Attendance	354
Church School Attendance	223
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1293.42
Church School Offering	31.21
Easter Offering	33.00
Building Fund	4.00
	<u>\$ 1421.63</u>

### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . .

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teacher is the most important element, along with the students. The new materials will be our tool, but we ourselves must be the power that makes First Christian Church of Fort Wayne a truly great church.

Many opportunities are open to us - the Sunday Church School Classes, Vacation Church School, small study groups, camps, conferences, and a host of others. As teachers, if I can help you find a better way of working with those who come under your leadership, or as individuals, if I can help you find your place in the educational program of this church, please feel free to contact me. My door is always open to you.

Miriam Bixenman, Director, Christian Education and Youth.

CHI RHO - Meet at 7:15 in Study room for a play rehearsal before going to the Jewish Service. Meet Sunday in the Study room at 5:00 P.M. for play rehearsal. Bring a sack lunch.

CAR WASH - Saturday May 4 - rain date May 11. Also the paper drive will continue through April, with last selling date April 27.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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May 2, 1963

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## IN RETROSPECT

THE CONVENTION - Christian Churches in Indiana held a most unusual assembly at Hammond last week, with representatives from your church present. Sessions were in the civic auditorium rather than a sanctuary, with delegates seated at tables to better accommodate the business at hand and the sizable document containing program, reports and recommendations. Worship, addresses and business were presented from a rostrum backed by the outline of a city, with lines radiating to Indiana centers such as Fort Wayne. This setting emphasized the Christian challenge of urban crisis. Messages dealt largely with this problem; the Negro mayor of Gary was one speaker. A summary of action taken by this first delegate convention will appear in "The Indiana Christian."

THE SHOW - Good things happen in church, especially when our young people are so conscientious and energetic. The CYF provided a delightful evening for those who attended the ice cream supper and vaudeville show Sunday night. They worked long and hard and were rewarded by the large response. 19 CYF'ers planned and produced the show; they were helped in many ways by 14 parents, by 2 Chi Rho youth, and other adults. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Nierman, Marvin Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. John Olson, John Thompson and Mrs. Bixenman gave much time, muscle and talent! - and everyone had fun. Added benefits were mentioned: "We got to really know each other," and "We learned to work together" in a creative and wholesome experience. And the profit is for a good cause: CHRISTIAN OUTREACH.

# CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

## Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLER Group will meet with Mrs. H.G. Helmuth, Tuesday May 7 at 9:00 A.M. at 1232 Fairfield Ave. Program by Mrs. Rex. Meadows, Worship, Mrs. Geo. Duncan.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Neil Allen, 4631 Thornley Dr. Tuesday, May 7, at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Mark Snyder; Worship by Mrs. Henry Butler.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Hendricks Love, 4910 Bowser Ave., on Wednesday, May 8 at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. E.W. Klepfer; Worship by Mrs. Rolland Ripple.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. George Warren, 7317 Avalon Drive, on Wednesday May 8 at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Myrl Beachley; Worship by Mrs. Donald Davenport.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Arza Smith is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital. Word comes that she is improving.

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CHI RHO - Meet Sunday evening at 5:00 in Fellowship Hall. Every member should be there! Last minute plans for Dad's and Mother's Dinner will be made and the play rehearsed. Plan to stay until 7:30. Bring an envelope and a 6¢ stamp.

Chi Rho members will sponsor a CAR WASH on our parking lot this Saturday, May 4, from 9 to 5 P.M. Cost \$1.50 for each car washed, proceeds will go toward these young folks trip to Chicago on May 18.

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Mrs. Bixenman's telephone number is -  
444-4735

# AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

## Officers Serving Sunday, May 5

### ELDERS:

Glenn R. Miller  
Kenneth Edwards

### Alternates -

Herman Weber  
Earl Plummer

### DEACONS: Captain - Edwin R. Allen

William Wilson  
Wayne Penny  
Robert Westerfield  
Romane Cole  
James Heavin  
John Varner  
George R. Davis  
Vernon Moore

### Alternates -

Merle Rice  
Leon Johns  
Herbert Banet  
Marvin Crouse

### DEACONESES May 5, 12, 19

Mrs. Glenn Miller  
Mrs. H. G. Helmuth

### SUNDAY GREETERS - May

Come Double Class

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Junior Dept	21	4.95
Primary Dept.	21	2.86
Kindergarten	7	1.60
Nursery 2-4	3	.36
Babes & Toddlers	5	.52
	199	\$ 61.20

NO C. Y. F. THIS SUNDAY - There will be no meeting of the CYF this Sunday, May 5, since a number of our High School youth will be going to camp Barbee on Saturday and Sunday to help clean up the camp and get ready for summer camps and conferences.

GRADUATING SENIORS - All high school seniors who are graduating this year are asked to give your name, address and telephone number to Mr. or Mrs. Ross Nierman, Mr. Marvin Crouse, or Mrs. Miriam Bixenman no later than this Sunday, May 5, 1968.

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#### MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY

The annual May Fellowship Day, sponsored by Church Women United of Fort Wayne, will be a breakfast (instead of a luncheon) at First EUB Church, 207 E. DeWald at 9:30 A.M. Friday, May 1. (Breakfast \$1.00, reservations needed) Dr. Robert Bickel of Aldersgate Methodist Church will speak on "Name or Number", in keeping with the national theme, "Human Values in a Technological Society."

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#### FOR YOUTH THIS SUMMER

The schedule of opportunities for youth of the church this summer, in Chi Rho camps, CYF conferences, and other events, was listed in the April issue of "The Indiana Christian", pg. 4. As families plan vacations, summer school, other camps and activities these church opportunities should be included.

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STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE committee will meet this Thursday at the Church at 7:30 P.M.

Official Board will meet next Tuesday May 7, at 8 P.M. We will be visited by a member of Human Relations Commission of Associated Churches.

#### TWO MINUTES OF CONCERN

A large map of the city has been posted in the Fellowship Hall. Parks, playgrounds and one troubled area of the city are marked on the map. We trust you have mustered two minutes of concern. Do you CARE where your brother's children play? You can do an effective, Christian part toward community harmony if you will but look at the map again. Then, tell others what you see on the map. This is more timely, perhaps than other current issues. Tell others of your vital Christian concern, won't you?

Community Action Committee.

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CHURCH PLANNING COUNCIL - this Sunday at 7:00 P.M. Department and committee chairmen, and officers of organizations are expected.

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#### WORLD CALL CURRICULUM SERIES

In this, the 50th year of World Calls' publication, this magazine is carrying a series of articles on one of the most important developments in recent years for our Brotherhood. The series is written to help us understand the Christian Life Curriculum, our new curriculum, which will come to us first in September of 1969, and which will involve every area of our work. Don't miss this series: April - "Old Word, New Meanings", by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Russell. May - "New Opportunities for Ministers", by Robert Thomas and Mary Elizabeth Mason; June - "The Church comes Alive in Your Home". July-August - "Learning for Your Life", by Frank Helme and Kenneth Dean.

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A Man's Eye View of the CWF consultation held recently in St. Louis will appear in the May issue of World Call. Men readers will be interested in what the women are thinking. See pg. 30.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1968

9:15 A.M. Church School - Classes for  
all age groups

10:30 A.M. Morning Worship  
(A nursery is provided for children  
and infants through age 3)

CHOIR REHEARSALS -  
Sanctuary and Youth Choirs -

Thursdays at 7:30 P.M.

5:00 P.M. Chi Rho and Christian Youth  
Fellowship.

BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAYS 10:30 A.M. Primary and  
Kindergarten Church.

BULLETIN - Associated Churches ...

Have you seen our latest TV announce-  
ment on TV? It depicts a sign reader at-  
tempting to read John 3:16, and was  
made by Stan Freberg.

Church Attendance	313
Church School Attendance	199
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1158.49
Church School Offering	61.20
Easter Offering	2.00
Building Fund	7.00
	<hr/> \$ 1228.69

### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE

Amount due the Lincoln Bank and the  
Memorial Trust Fund . . . \$19,580.83

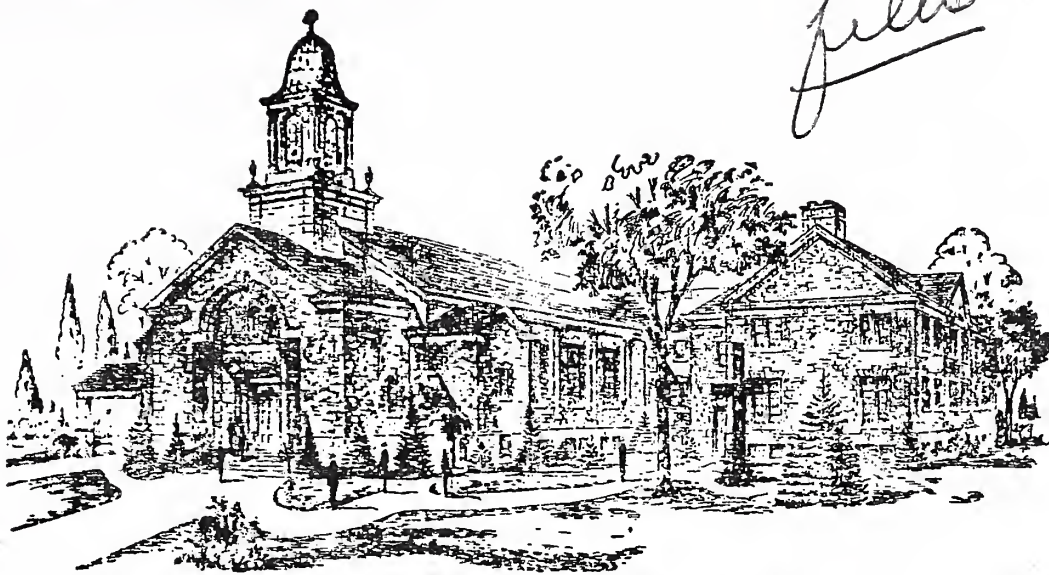
### ALL IN THE FAMILY

Along with Mrs. Bixenman's coming to  
our church as director, West Creighton  
Avenue Christian Church has also called  
a new minister of education and youth.  
He is Robert Lee Howell, and has come  
with his family from Clarksville, Ind.  
Elkhart and Kendallville Churches,  
also in District 1, have secured similar  
staff persons recently.

### DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Was held last evening at Kendallville,  
Ministers, church staff personnel and  
lay people make up this board. Plans  
for the Fall district convention are in  
progress. The date of the convention  
is October 20. It will be held at Elk-  
hart Christian Church. Please mark your  
calendar and plan to attend. This is  
YOUR convention!

CWF LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTI-  
TUTE was held this Thursday at Auburn  
A number of our women attended. A  
similar training session will be held on  
May 19 (2:30) at Laud when we will  
join in with the women of District 5.  
This Institute is intended to accommo-  
date women who could not attend this  
week at Auburn.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH"

"AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## "CHRISTIAN FAMILY WEEK" ENDS ON "MOTHER'S DAY"

There are families in which there is no juvenile delinquency! There are families in which there is no race prejudices! There are families in which the pressures to "keep up with the Joneses" and "everybody's doing it" are not the accepted determinants of behavior. There are, indeed, families at all economic levels and in all races in which there are warm, understanding and supportive relationships and in which standards of personal behavior and social responsibility are taught, nurtured and developed.

How to build such a family is a difficult task but not impossible. Changing social conditions create confusion and anxieties in both parents and youth. . Our ignorance regarding human development and the motivations of behavior makes up inept and bumbling in our relationships as partners and as parents. Our lack of clarity regarding the essentials of our own values and goals in life leave us as will-o-the-wisps before every changing mood and circumstance.

Scholars have told us, "The first step in child management is self-management." Before we condemn our children or today's youth, let us look to our own lives: How have we thought of life? as a battle? a rat race? a jungle? or as our response to God's loving goodness to us?

How have we used our money? to buy status? to buy power? to escape from personal involvement? or as a trust, given by God for the benefit of our fellow man? How have we thought of our children? as demons? as problems? as economic liabilities? or as growing persons?

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. Paul Kenline, 3131 Maple Lane, Monday evening, May 13, at 8:00. Program by Mrs. Florence Palmer; Worship by Mrs. Kenline.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Edwin Hall, 3406 MacArthur Drive, Tuesday May 14 at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Harold Nordblom; Worship by Mrs. James Knight. The Group plan to have a "Dutch Maid" party, and guests are invited. Please call the hostess, if you plan to attend.

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To remind you of our ANNUAL MAY BREAKFAST, Tuesday, May 21 at 9:30 Mrs. Barton A. Johnson will be our speaker. Guests are welcome!

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Paul Kenline has been in St. Joseph Hospital, He is now at home.

Mrs. Homer Stevenson is in room 207 St. Joseph's Hospital.

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WORKER'S CONFERENCE

At 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, all of our Church School teachers and superintendents will meet here at the church for a Worker's Conference with Mrs. Bixenman. The topic under discussion will be "Making the Most of Our Rooms and Equipment". Adult class officers are also invited. Use of rooms is the first step toward an improved Christian Education program. Be sure to come! You are asked to read the article, "Decor Does Make A Difference" on page 12 of the May BETHANY GUIDE which you just recently received.

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL - for one week ONLY, June 10-14. Plan to enroll your child.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE x

Officers Serving Sunday, May 12

ELDERS:

Solon E. Merriman  
Hugh D. Rice

Alternates:

Cecil C. Rice  
B. W. Leversee

DEACONS: Junior Deacons will serve-

Jeffrey Olson, Captain  
Robert Finkhousen  
Bruce Finkhousen  
Rick Hendricks  
Nick Church  
Steven Bruckman  
James Taylor  
Donald Crouse

DEACONESES: May 12, 19

Mrs. Floyd Morrical  
Mrs. H. G. Helmuth

SUNDAY GREETERS - May

Come Double Class

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CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

	Att.	Off.
Friendly Class	13	\$ 3.17
Progressive Class	26	12.75
Come Double Class	23	12.60
Berean Class	12	6.00
'58 Class	11	11.00
Pairs & Spares	9	6.10
High School	23	4.21
Junior High Dept	20	2.49
Junior Dept.	29	7.25
Primary Dept	32	3.95
Kindergarten	10	1.65
Nursery 2-4	10	.80
Babes & Toddlers	4	.75
	222	\$ 73.62

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Registration materials for summer camps & conference have arrived. See Mrs. Bixenman for further information.

CHI RHO'S - Have achieved many goals in the last several weeks . . . .

They will meet Saturday at 4:00 for an hour to rehearse their play.

Sunday- be at the church by 2:00 to help prepare the dinner.

Sunday evening at 5:00, the Chi Rho's will entertain their parents at dinner and present a variety program.

Recent projects report: These young people sold over 5-1/2 tons of newspaper, sold 130 spools of ribbon, and earned \$80 on their Car-wash last Saturday. They have paid for their trip to Chicago and have a donation to give to the Korean orphan sponsored by the Come-Double Class.

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL  
CHRISTIANS . . . .

The following statement has been presented to our official board at its last meeting:

"In response to the report of the National Advisory Commission on Civic Disorders, we, the members of the Race Relations Commission of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne, Inc., issue the following statement:

We abhor the possibility of increased separation and inequality between the races of our society.

We confess that we share the guilt of society that is more alienated than reconciled.

While recognizing that many problems need to be dealt with on a national scale, we urge the church congregations and parishes of Fort Wayne to take the following steps toward an integrated and equal community:

1) Employ, during the summer, potential high school drop-outs in supervised, staff-aid positions, with Christian vocations as possible job training objectives

and with scholarships as possible outgrowths of such an experience.

2) Declare a policy of open housing practices, and expect each member to set an example of the application thereof in his own neighborhood.

3) Promote integration in the public schools, and in the churches, and take the first step in that direction by establishing joint Vacation Bible Schools, with Negro and white churches paired to share facilities, materials, and staff, and with the Associated Churches helping to make the arrangements.

4) Provide loans, grants, and volunteers, to assist the East Central Improvement Corporation in rehabilitating homes in the central city.

As individual Christians, we promise to work in our own congregations and parishes to promote these goals, and we pray for God's mercy upon us all.

Following the presentation of the above the official board approved the following motion:

"This board commends the Race Relations Commission of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne for presenting the statement, dated March 7, 1968, including the four steps, toward improving race relations in Fort Wayne. We commend them for the spirit of their intention in this statement of concern, and refer the statement to groups in the church, especially the committee on Christian Action and Community Service for implementation, with a request that recommendations for action be presented at the June 1968, board meeting.

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At the work-retreat at Camp Barbee last week-end, we were proud to have Rick Hendricks installed as vice-president of the CYF in District 1. Congratulations, Rick!

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Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, Director of  
Christian Education and Youth.

### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 1968

9:15 A.M. Church School - Classes for  
all age groups

10:30 A.M. Morning Worship  
(A nursery is provided for children  
and infants through age 3)

#### CHOIR REHEARSALS -

Sanctuary and Youth Choirs -  
Thursdays at 7:30 P.M.

5:00 P.M. Chi Rho dinner for parents.

5:00 Christian Youth Fellowship meeting.

BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

10:30 A.M. Primary and Kindergarten  
Church.

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Home - the place where we grumble the  
most and are loved the best.

From Page -1-

Our answers to these questions ( and many others that we need to ask ourselves) will be more contagious than any virus. They will affect those with whom we live. They will help to determine the standards of our families. When our standards are in conflict with those about us, we are committed to live in a love that wills good toward others and which refuses either to violate others or to allow ourselves to be violated. Where the conflict in values becomes acute, love continues to be our supreme value, and we seek God's guidance for the best and most appropriate expression of it.

-from the National Council of Churches

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May 5, 1968

Church Attendance	290
Church School Attendance	222
Regular Church Offering	1227.78
Church School Offering	73.62
Easter Offering	1.00
Building Fund	8.00
	<u>\$ 1310.40</u>

### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE

Amount due to Lincoln Bank and the  
Memorial Trust Fund .. \$19,580.83

A SECOND CWF LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE will be held on Sunday afternoon May 19, beginning at 2:30, at the Laud Christian Church for the benefit of those who could not attend the Auburn institute. We will be joined by women from District 5. We hope our officers especially and any others who are interested will plan to attend.



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## "OF THOSE WHO CAN SAY, 'I FINISH MY COURSE'"

Carlton Garrison, our Elkhart minister, quoted a speaker: "I have just about reached the end of my tolerance for the way our society at the present time seems to have sympathetic concern only for the misfit, the pervert, the drug addict, the drifter, the n'er-do-well, the mal-adjusted, the chronic criminal, the under-achiever - the loser - in general, the under-dog ... It's time someone praised the upper-dog, the achiever, the one who sets out to do something and does it ..."

When excess attention is given to students near-wrecking colleges in the guise of reform, and with the persistent problem of school drop-outs, it's a relief and inspiration to laud the "stay-ins" and juvenile achievers! It's said of airplanes, "you hear only of those that crash;" let's give more attention to young people who didn't crash - but with honor, determination and goals, can say of high school, vocational training, college, etc., "I finish my course."

The church congratulates its several members who are graduating from schools during these weeks. Some have won special honors: Gloria McVay is 1968 valedictorian at South Side High School, and has been awarded a very fine scholarship to Indiana University. We will publish the names of graduates, and would like to know of all awards. Members of our church who are graduates will be further recognized in a Sunday service of worship.

Dean Alfange wrote: "It is my right to be uncommon - if I can. I seek oppor-

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## ANNUAL MAY BREAKFAST

Christian Women's Fellowship, Tuesday, May 21, at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Barton A. Johnson, wife of a former minister, and dear friend to many of us, will be our guest speaker. Her topic: "With Patient Love". The Southmoor PTA Singers will be our guests and will sing. The Kepple group will bring the worship. Guests are welcome. Reservations for the breakfast should be in by Sunday. Call Mrs. W.J. Williams, 745-5549, or Mrs. Robert Ogles, 432-3969. Will Group leaders please call in the names of their two volunteers to Mrs. Ogles.

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CWF - We will not have an executive committee meeting this month. One will be scheduled for June in order to clear up all loose ends of business before the close of the year.

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CWF LEADERSHIP TRAINING .....  
Institute will be this Sunday at Laud Christian Church. We will meet jointly with women from District 5. We hope our officers who were unable to attend the Auburn Institute will make a special effort to attend this one on next Sunday.

## PERSONAL MENTION

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Word comes that Mr. Berlien is doing nicely and is enjoying the spring weather. He hopes to come to Fort Wayne soon and is looking forward to worshipping with us.

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Mr. Paul Truby is in Lutheran Hospital for surgery on Thursday this week. He is in room 492.

## PANCAKE SUPPER

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Scout Troop # 57 are having a Pancake Supper in Fellowship Hall, from 5 to 7 P.M. on Friday, May 17. Adults \$1.00; children 75¢.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, May 19

### ELDERS:

Albert Powell  
Walter C. Birkhold

### Alternates -

Rufus Quinn  
Dr. Henry Lee Butler

### DEACONS: Captain, George Warren

Virgil Montgomery  
Robert Schubel  
Stanley R. Cole  
Mark Snyder  
W. Harry Imbody  
William J. Schilling  
James Ruble  
Ted Bryan

### Alternates -

Robert Ogles  
Arthur Huddleston  
Norman Strayer  
Orie McDougle

### DEACONESES - May 19

Mrs. Floyd Morrical  
Mrs. H. G. Helmuth

### SUNDAY GREETERS - May

Come Double Class

### Sunday Greeters - June

Pairs & Spares Class

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

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Friendly Class	12	\$ 2.00
Progressive Class	24	17.15
Come Double Class	20	10.25
Berean Class	13	10.00
'58 Class	20	13.00
Pairs & Spares	8	4.75
High School	16	3.70
Junior High Dept.	20	1.90
Junior Dept.	24	6.00
Primary Dept.	27	3.69
Kindergarten	14	.81
Nursery 2-4	13	1.29
Babes & Toddlers	6	.60
	217	\$ 75.14

tunity, not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the state look after me. I want to take the calculated risk; to dream and to build, to fail and to succeed. I refuse to barter incentive for a dole. I prefer the challenge of life to the guaranteed existence; the thrill of fulfillment to the stale calm of utopia. I will not trade freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a handout. I will never cower before any master nor bend to any threat. It is my heritage to stand erect, proud and unafraid; to think and act for myself; enjoy the benefits of my creations and to face the world boldly and say, 'This I have done'

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#### CHI RHO

The Chi Rho members presented Mrs. Hendricks Love, who has served as Chi Rho sponsor for the last ten years, with a corsage at the parents dinner last Sunday evening. Mrs. Love has resigned as sponsor of this group, effective at the close of this year. Mary has the deep appreciation of the entire church. She has been assisted this year by Mrs. Harley Meadows, to whom we are also indebted. Mrs. Meadows, too, has resigned, effective at the end of this year. CYF will meet at 5:00 Sunday evening. They will see and discuss a film depicting particular concerns of youth today.

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CAMP & CONFERENCE - offers a real adventure in Christian living, and adventure in learning, worship, and fellowship. The youth are urged to attend at least one event and register early. Chi Rho Camp at Barbee is being held the weeks of July 1-6, July 8-13, July 15-20 and July 22-27, for 7th and 8th graders to be. the cost is \$23.00. 9th Grade conferences at Barbee are June 24-29; August 5-10. Cost \$23.00.

Senior High Conference, (10th, 11th and 12th graders to be) at Barbee are June 16-22, August 11-17, August 18-24. Cost \$25.00. First Christian Church will pay 1/2 of these registration fees. Mrs. Bixenman plans to be at Barbee the week of July 22-27. Mr. McGuire will be there the week of Aug. 11-17.

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#### COMMUNITY SERVICE MEETING

Interested persons are urged to attend a meeting of the committee on Christian Action and Community Service at the church on Sunday afternoon May 19, at 2:00, to consider further the statement of the Race Relations Committee, and the direction of our church board toward implementing it. Specific recommendations are to be considered for presentation at the June 4 board meeting, for improved race relations in Fort Wayne.

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#### WHY DOESN'T SOMEBODY DO SOME- THING TO HELP?

Many people are asking this question in today's warring, riot-torn world. Read Robert L. Friedly's article ... "Opportunities Unlimited" in the June World Call and see what one congregation is doing to help!

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"Members of Protestant and Roman Catholic groups met in Chicago in mid-March to look into possibilities of a common English wording of the Lord's Prayer and other liturgical texts. They decided that there is 'more similarity among texts for possible common usage than some had thought possible'"

-From In Brief

June World Call, p. 8

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The creed you really believe is spoken not by your lips, but by your life.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 1968

10:30 A.M. Morning Worship

9:15 A.M. Church School - Classes for  
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### CHOIR REHEARSALS -

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BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

10:30 A.M. Primary and Kindergarten  
Church.

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Mrs. Bixenman and Mr. McGuire will  
attend a Ministerial Staff Conference  
Thursday and Friday of this week, at  
Geneva Center, Rochester, Indiana.

May 12, 1968

Church Attendance	275
Church School Attendance	217
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1345.65
Church School Offering	75.14
Children's Day Offering	20.00
Building Fund	110.00
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	\$ 1550.79

### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE

Amount due to Lincoln Bank and the  
Memorial Trust Fund .. \$19,580.83

### CLINIC FOR BRAIN DAMAGED CHILDREN!

Mrs. Robert Peters, 225 No. Cornell  
Circle, 745-1043, needs patterners to  
assist with the Doman-Delacato method  
a therapy used to help brain damaged  
children. Mrs. Peters needs 12 volun-  
teers every day for 5 to 10 minute per-  
iods. Anyone interested in helping in  
this worth-while project by giving 5 to  
10 minutes a week, please call Mrs.  
Peters. Your help will be greatly appre-  
ciated. If you would like more inform-  
ation about this project, Valeria Taylor  
(Mrs. Ben.) can fill you in. Call her at  
449-0473.

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### CHO RHO TRIP

Chi Rhos and sponsors are asked to be at  
the church on Saturday at least by 5:15  
A.M. for a briefing before starting on  
the Chicago trip. We will return at  
10:30 P.M.

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Rev. Claylon Weeks, Indiana Mission-  
ary partner, missionary to Africa, will  
visit our church on Sunday, May 26.  
Mr. & Mrs. Weeks are living in Wina-  
mac, Indiana.

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## HE HEARD AND HEHEDED THE COMMISSION

Jesus' words, "Go and make disciples of all nations," have been acted on by Claylon Weeks, missionary of the Christian Churches to the Congo in Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Weeks serve with the United Christian Missionary Society, and have been living in Winamac, Indiana, during this furlough. They will return to Africa this summer. They are missionary partners of the Christian Churches in Indiana.

Claylon Weeks is a native of North Carolina, and graduated from Atlantic Christian College there. His BD degree is from the Divinity School of Vanderbilt University. He served congregations in North Carolina, Kentucky and Illinois. After intensive preparation, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks first reached the Congo in 1946. They have been located in Bolenge, Wema, Mondombe, and Kinshasa. Mr. Weeks has given leadership in education, and in evangelism, especially in the remote, undeveloped areas; significantly, this is where some of the most successful evangelistic results have been obtained.

Mr. Weeks will visit our church this Sunday, May 26, and will bring the message during the service of worship at 10:30. He is a very able speaker, and has much to say to the church concerning our mission, as well as a wealth of experience and insight in the needs and struggles of the Congo. He will also speak at the senior breakfast of the CYF that morning; Mr. and Mrs. Weeks

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## SENIOR BREAKFAST AND RECOGNITION SERVICE

The annual CYF breakfast for seniors who are graduating from high school this year will be at 8:00 this Sunday morning at the Baer Field Inn Lookout Room. Mr. Clayton Weeks, missionary to Africa, will be the guest speaker. Following the breakfast, all CYFers will return to the church for the service of worship. During the service, our graduates will be especially recognized and will be presented with a gift from the church. The breakfast will incorporate the Sunday School class also; there will be no CYF meeting Sunday evening.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES from our church, Sunday School or C.Y.F. include:

Edwin R. Allen, Jr.	Stephen Ludwig	Michael Taylor
Rebecca Buskirk	Gloria McVay	Karen Varner
Cathy Cole	Thomas Mathis	Jolene Wilhelm
Marlene Crouse	Barry Nordblom	David Worden
Paul Gilley	Joseph Overmyer	
Susan Gump	Virginia Snouffer	

### NOTICE

BOTH THE TIME OF SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL, AND THE ORDER OF WORSHIP WILL CHANGE FOR THE SUMMER, BEGINNING SUNDAY, JUNE 2. Notice the announcement in next week's "TIDINGS."

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#### COME DOUBLE CLASS

The Come Double Class will attend the Civic opera on Friday evening, May 31, then have dessert. In case of rain, a party will be held in the church parlor.

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#### THE CHILDREN'S HOUR

Primary Church, held for older children during the worship hour on Sunday, will have its last session this spring this Sunday, May 26. The Kindergarten workshop will continue through June 23. Both of these will resume in September.

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#### WOODHAVEN CONFERENCE

Mrs. Bixenman will be teaching in the conference for persons interested in retarded children at Woodhaven School,

Columbia, Missouri, June 23-29. All such interested persons may attend, and she will welcome any from the church to travel with her.

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#### CHILDREN'S DAY GOALS

#### CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES - JUNE 2.

	Att.	Off.
Friendly Class	25	40.00
Progressive Class	40	100.00
Come Double Class	30	50.00
Berean Class	20	35.00
'58 Class	30	50.00
Pairs & Spares	20	35.00
High School Class	25	15.00
Junior High Dept	30	15.00
Junior Dept	40	15.00
Primary Dept.	40	10.00
Kindergarten	20	8.00
Nursery	20	5.00
Babes & Toddlers	10	2.00

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#### GRADUATES

Will our young people who are graduating from Colleges, Universities, Vocational and Professional Schools, please inform the Church Office, so that recognition can be made.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, May 26.

### ELDERS:

David Hogg

William Crouse

### Alternates -

Harold Crowder

Robert Rayl

### DEACONS: Captain, Thomas Frappier

Frank Moody

Paul Truby

LeRoy Timbrook

Paul Yentes

Max Finkhousen

Rayford Loftin

John Clark

### Alternates -

Virgil Montgomery

Robert Schubel

Stanley R. Cole

Mark Snyder

### DEACONESSSES: May 26; June 2, 9.

Mrs. Harold Crowder

Mrs. Glenn Miller

### SUNDAY GREETERS - May

Come Double Class

### Sunday Greeters - June

Pairs & Spares Class

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### CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

	Att.	Off
Friendly Class	16	3.55
Progressive Class	29	15.50
Come Double	13	11.00
Berean Class	12	7.00
'58 Class	9	11.00
Pairs & Spares	7	4.25
High School Class	14	4.34
Junior High Dept.	20	1.45
Junior Dept.	29	8.19
Primary Dept.	33	3.60
Kindergarten Dept	9	1.06
Nursery 2-4	10	.90
Babes & Toddlers	5	.60
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206 \$ 61.44

## PERSONAL MENTION

Little Miss Diane Fredericks has been in Parkview Hospital, Room 635, for several days.

Mrs. Paul Maholm is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Cecelia Blair, is a patient in St. Joseph's hospital.

Mrs. J. W. Lehman is in Parkview Hospital, Room 508.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lazzaro, friends of the Church, are the proud parents of a baby girl born May 8, 1968

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### VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

June 10 through June 14 - closing with Open House on Friday evening. There will be departments for Kindergarten, primary and junior children. Plan for your child to enroll.

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From WORLD CALL - June.

--Voice from Vietnam, Page 27 ....

"Small wonder that it is difficult for a civilian American to be accepted in Vietnam villages. It was unfathomable to the villagers that we tried to learn the Vietnamese language, and that we were not with the CIA or the military and not making money off the war.

(We received \$30 a month for expenses)"

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There can be no final disharmony between thought and things, between faith and knowledge, between science and religion. If there is any apparent disharmony it must either be our knowledge that is wrong or our faith that is not as deep and pure as it should be.

-- John A. Hutton.

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There is nothing so strong or safe in an emergency of life as the simple truth.

--Charles Dickens

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have four children, one of whom is graduating from high school this month.

We are quite fortunate in having him come to our church, especially in the busy weeks prior to departure for another term of service in Africa.

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May 19, 1968

Church Attendance	275
Church School Attendance	206
Regular Church Offering	\$ 991.72
Church School Offering	61.44
Children's Day Offering	10.00
Building Fund	5.00
	<u>\$ 1068.16</u>

#### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE

Amount due to Lincoln Bank and the Memorial Trust Fund ..\$19,580.83

#### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The May Breakfast was well attended with 125 present. The Southmoor PTA Women's Chorus were featured. Mrs. Barton A. Johnson spoke on the Woodhaven Home for Retarded Children, which is one of our homes within the National Benevolent Association of Christian Churches, Disciples of Christ, and is located at Columbia, Missouri. Following Mrs. Johnson's message a spontaneous offering was given in the amount of \$50.00.

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#### PROGRESSIVE CLASS PICNIC

The Progressive Class will have a picnic at Shoaff Park, Conklin Pavilion at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 2. Members of the Class and friends are invited. Fun and fellowship for all.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 1968

10:30 A.M. Morning Worship  
9:15 A.M. Church School - Classes for all age groups.  
(A Nursery is provided for children and infants through age 3.

#### CHOIR REHEARSALS -

Sanctuary and Youth Choirs  
Thursdays at 7:30 P.M.

5:00 Christian Youth Fellowship meeting.

BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

10:30 A.M. Primary and Kindergarten

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CHI RHO - 5:00 P.M. Meet in study room. We will have our 'Years End' party. Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rice and Mr. Marvin Crouse are making the arrangements.



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## WITHOUT APOLOGIES TO LOWELL!

And what is so rare as a (Sun)day in June? and July? and August? Then, if ever, come perfect days - for all sorts of things, including vacation, picnics, visits, golf, fishing, AND THE CHURCH, AND WORSHIP!

The Sunday morning schedule for summer will change this Sunday, June 2. as follows:

8:00 until 8:45 - CHAPEL SERVICE; a brief and simple service of worship in our chapel, which will also be very different. Conducted by the minister and pianist, without choir, elders or deacons, it will include communion, offering, and message. There will be no nursery.

9:00 until 9:50 - CHURCH SCHOOL; all classes will meet for 50-minute sessions. Because of the shorter class, persons are urged to be on time.

10:00 until 11:00 - SERVICE OF WORSHIP; in the sanctuary. Choir and organ elders and deacons, and ushers will assist in leading this service. Worshipers will also notice a change in the order of service, beginning June 2. There will be a nursery. (Choir, elders and deacons in the 10:00 service will gather in the chapel prior to the opening of worship.)

This first Sunday of the summer schedule will be Children's Day, with its special missions offering. It will also be the day of Pentecost; let it be said of us, as at that early one: "they were all together in one place."

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLER Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Ogles, 3322 Rosewood Drive, on Tuesday, June 4 at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. H. G. Helmuth.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Hugh Rice, 7001 Premiere Drive, for a pot-luck, Tuesday, June 4, 12:30 Program by Mrs. Mark Snyder; Worship Mrs. Neil Allen.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. David Hogg, 3233 Chancellor Drive, Wednesday, June 5, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Herman Weber; Worship by Mrs. Cecil Rice.

The DYE Group will meet at the church Wednesday, June 5, at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Fred Hilker; Worship by Mrs. Leland Higgins.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Irene Cline, 129 E. Lexington, Thursday, June 6 at 7:45 P.M. Program by Mrs. Ralph Church; Worship by Mrs. W. J. Williams.

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ATTENTION - Chi Rho mothers: The towels used for the car-wash are cleaned and can be picked up from the Primary III Class room... Mrs. H. Love.

### PROGRESSIVE CLASS PICNIC

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The Progressive Class will have a picnic at Shoaff Park, Conklin Pavilion at 4:00 o'clock on Sunday, June 2. Members of the class and friends are invited. See you next Sunday at Shoaff Park!

### COME DOUBLE CLASS

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The Come Double Class party Friday, May 31. Meet at the back of Franke Park Theater at 8:00 P.M. In case of rain meet in the church parlor at 9 PM.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, June 2.

### ELDERS:

John E. Merrill

Andrew C. Cook

### Alternates -

Robert Chevalier

John Thompson

### DEACONS: Captain - Thomas Frappier

Frank Moody

Paul Truby

LeRoy Timbrook

Paul Yentes

Max Finkhousen

Rayford Loftin

John Clark

### Alternates -

W. Harry Imbody

William J. Schilling

James F. Ruble

Ted E. Bryan

### DEACONESSES - June 2, 9.

Mrs. Harold Crowder

Mrs. Glenn Miller

### SUNDAY GREETERS - June

Pairs & Spares Class

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GRADUATES - From Colleges, Universities, Business and Professional Schools; will our young people who are graduating from any of these schools please inform the Church office, so that recognition can be made.

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### PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Melvin McNamee is a patient at St. Joseph's hospital.

Mrs. J. W. Lehman has undergone surgery this week at Parkview Hospital.

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### HUDDLESTON-DOWNES WEDDING

The good wishes of the church are extended to Mr. & Mrs. Duane G. Downes (Arlene Huddleston) who were married in the chapel on Saturday afternoon, May 25. They will make their home at Van

## CHILDREN'S DAY - JUNE 2.

### GOALS - CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

	Att.	Off.
Friendly Class	25	40.00
Progressive Class	40	100.00
Come Double Class	30	50.00
Berean Class	20	35.00
'58 Class	30	50.00
Pairs & Spares	20	35.00
High School Class	25	15.00
Junior High Dept.	30	15.00
Junior Dept.	40	15.00
Primary Dept.	40	10.00
Kindergarten	20	8.00
Nursery	20	5.00
Babes & Toddlers	10	2.00

### LOVE SHARES

Children's Day was born out of the desire to share the Great news of the Love of God. Hundreds of thousands of children of many lands have heard the story of Jesus Christ and experienced the benefits of the Christian faith. In this era of shadows and war, there is need for a level of commitment and stewardship which expresses the love of Christ for all.

### CAMP & CONFERENCE REMINDER

Youth wishing to go to Camps or conferences this summer are reminded that all events will be filled on a first come, first served basis, so it is important that you get your enrollment blank and fee in as soon as possible. This is particularly important if you are wanting to go to conference the week of August 11-17, as this seems to be the popular week. BRING YOUR BLANK AND FEE THIS WEEK, IF POSSIBLE.

Dyke Apartments # 305, 1329 Pennsylvania Ave., Indianapolis, 46204. Arlene will be especially missed in our choir.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

May 26 ...	Att.	Off.
Friendly Class	16	\$ 3.25
Progressive Class	23	11.75
Come Double Class	15	8.50
Berean Class	10	5.50
'58 Class	11	17.50
Pairs & Spares Class	6	2.15
Junior High Dept.	14	2.45
Junior Dept.	28	7.05
Primary Dept.	23	2.92
Kindergarten	10	1.78
Nursery 2-4	8	.92
Babes & Toddlers	3	.35
	167	\$ 64.12

### CYF PICNIC AT POKAGON

Our CYF will go to Pokagon State Park for a pot-luck picnic and outing on Sunday, June 9. The group will leave directly after church. Each member is asked to bring a sack lunch, plus a dish for the pot luck supper. There will be opportunity for swimming, horseback riding, and other activities. The election of officers for the coming year will be at this meeting, where they will also be installed. Please sign up for what you wish to bring for the pot luck in the CYF Church School room or contact the president, Chip Allen, at 745-4317.

### COFFEE HOUR FOR BUTLERS

The coffee hour following the 10:00 worship service this Sunday will honor Dr. and Mrs. Henry L. Butler and family who will leave our city and church on June 10, for Berkeley, W. Va. The coffee hour is being arranged by the worship committee, of which Dr. Butler, an Elder, has been chairman; Herman Weber, chairman of Elders, and Mrs. Weber are also assisting. The family has been active in our church and church school.

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~~Robert Rippa~~  
John Thompson ..... Church School Supt.

Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, Director -  
--Christian Education and Youth

### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 1968

8:00 A.M. Chapel Service

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship

9:00 A.M. Church School - Classes  
for all age groups.

(A Nursery is provided for children and  
infants through age 3.

### CHOIR REHEARSALS -

Sanctuary and Youth Choirs  
Thursday evenings at 7:30.

10:00 Kindergarten Workshop

PRIMARY Church is over for the summer  
will convene again in the fall.

CHI RHO will convene in the fall.

CYF will not meet this Sunday evening.  
They will have a picnic on June 9th.

This will end their activities until fall.

Board meeting, Tuesday, June 4, in the  
Fellowship Hall of the church. at 8 pm.

May 26, 1968

Church Attendance	289
Church School Attendance	167
Regular Church Offering	\$ 950.45
Church School Offering	64.12
Children's Day Offering	10.00
	<u>\$ 1024.57</u>

### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ..

Amount due to Lincoln Bank and the  
Memorial Trust Fund ... \$18,401.83

### "MUCH NEEDED" ITEMS

Our Vacation Church School will be  
starting in just two weeks, running from  
June 10-14. There are a number of  
items that our teachers will be needing  
to use in the school. If you can help us  
gather any of these items, would you  
please bring them to the church and de-  
posit them in a box that will be placed  
near the door? Items needed include:

Scraps of felt (all colors)

Pot pie pans

Metal soft oleo pans

Empty thread spools (any size)

Pictures of vegetables, fruits and  
flowers, preferably wuth just one  
or two vegetables, fruits, or  
flowers to a picture.

We also need cookies for the refresh-  
ment time. Please bring these, or any  
money donations toward purchasing  
cookies, to the church on or before June  
9. All contributions will be appreciated.

### PAPER DRIVE DISCONTINUED

The teachers in our Primary Department  
of the Church's School have decided to  
discontinue their paper drive. They,  
therefore, ask that you not bring contri-  
butions of paper to the church until fur-  
ther notice.



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## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL TO BEGIN

Our Vacation Church School will be opening at 9:00 a.m. next Monday, June 10, for one week. There will be sessions from 9:00 - 11:30 each morning during the week, with classes for Kindergarten, Primary and Junior age boys and girls. This year's Vacation Church School promises to be a unique and interesting experience. In cooperation with the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne, our church has agreed to have an integrated Vacation School this year. A sizeable group of Negro boys and girls will be transported to and from Harmar School each day to participate in our Vacation School with us. We are happy to have them and are looking forward to the experience of sharing together. The school will close on Friday evening, June 14, with an Open House, at which you will all be able to observe the work done by all the boys and girls. A social hour will follow the tours of the rooms.

A fine corp of teachers are working hard preparing for this school, with Mrs. Robert Hendricks and Mrs. James Ruble working on the general planning. Many others have volunteered to help in supplying and serving refreshments during the school, caring for the children of our teachers, providing music, and in helping transport the boys and girls from Harmar School. Be sure to enroll your boy or girl this Monday morning at 9:00. Boys and girls from the neighborhood or from elsewhere who wish to attend are also most welcome. There is no need for advance registration. Plan to join us at the Open House on Friday evening.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet on Monday, June 10, for a carry in dinner at the home of Mrs. Henry Flowers, 9410 Saratoga Rd, at 6:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Charles Speicher.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet for dinner at the Hong Kong Inn on Tuesday, June 11, 6:30 P.M. Following the dinner the group will go to the home of Mrs. George Davis, 4610 Hessen Cassel Rd. for their program. Program by Mrs. F.R. McGuire<sup>1</sup> worship by Mrs. Harold Nordblom.

The NELSON Group will have a carry-in dinner at the church on Wednesday June 12 at 6:30 P.M. They will have a group play which will include worship and program.

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### PERSON MENTION

Mrs. Sarah Stevens, Mrs. Herbert C. Banet's mother, is a patient in Parkview hospital, room 716.

We wish to express sincere sympathy to Mrs. Albert Powell in the recent death of her father, Mr. Woods.

ANOTHER GRADUATE - The name of Cynthia Shireman was omitted from the list of seniors graduating from local high schools this year. She graduated with honors from Southside High School this week.

We regret losing Mr. and Mrs. James J. Cain, who have moved to Florida following his retirement. Their address is: 2932 So. McIntosh Rd. Sarasota Florida, 33580.

CORRECTION - It was Mrs. Clarence Hetrick who had eye surgery this week not Mr. Hetrick as stated on page 4.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

### Officers Serving Sunday June 9

#### ELDERS:

Eugene Klepfer

Alfred Schell

#### Alternates -

Kenneth Edwards

Myron Cole

#### DEACONS - Captain, Thomas Frappier

Arthur Mowery

E.M. O'Laughlin

Ralph Weesner

James Lehman

Merle D. Rice

Leon Johns

Herbert Banet

Marvin Crouse

#### Alternates -

William Wilson

D. Wayne Penny

Robert Westerfield

Romane Cole

#### DEACONESSES - June 9

Mrs. Harold Crowder

Mrs. Glenn Miller

#### SUNDAY GREETERS - June

Pairs & Spares

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#### WET PAINT

The ceilings and walls in the nursery and 3-year-old's room are being painted this week, at the direction of the property committee. This work is being done by employees of Mr. Leon Johns, and is the first paint on these block walls, which will greatly brighten these important rooms for small children. Furnishings and other equipment will be improved, to make these rooms of maximum attractiveness and use.

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We expect God's grace in summer as well as in winter. Has He not a right to our all-year-round devotion?

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

June 2	Att.	Off.
Friendly Class	17	\$ 39.00
Progressive Class	38	167.25
Come Double Class	7	23.00
Berean Class	6	33.00
'58 Class	16	9.00
Pairs & Spares	11	17.25
High School Class	20	4.85
Junior High Dept	11	4.96
Junior Dept.	27	9.96
Primary Dept.	20	4.55
Kindergarten	9	2.59
Nursery 2-4	10	1.76
Babes & Toddlers	6	2.65
	206	\$ 318.48

## CAMP AND CONFERENCE

Those who have enrolled for camp or conference so far include: Linda Jenkins, Melanie McGuire, Barbara Love, Rick Hendricks, Barbara Hendricks, Carolyn Hendricks, Debbie Nordblom, Scott, Rayl, and Waller McGuire. Are there others planning to go? If so, please remember to get your registration in as soon as possible, as registrations at all events will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, and too long a delay could mean disappointment. More registration blanks will be available this week.

## SENIOR RECOGNITION

34 persons attended the senior recognition breakfast at Baer Field on Sunday May 26, sponsored by the CYF. Clayton Weeks, missionary to Africa, spoke at the gathering. He was presented a check for \$100 from the CYF, part of proceeds from the recent vaudeville show, for mission use.

During the morning worship service, RSV Bibles were presented to graduating seniors, inscribed with their names and given by the church.

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER

The schedule for Sunday mornings during the summer months began last Sunday, June 2, with good response from persons attending worship services and church school. Very few forgot about a time change, and a few other visitors were not aware of it. During June, July and August, there will be a Chapel Service at 8:00, Church school at 9:00, and the service of worship in the sanctuary at 10:00

## MIGRANT MINISTRY

Plans are moving ahead by the Associated Churches and other agencies for the summer ministry among migrant workers in the Monroeville area. A full-time worker is being employed to give leadership among these families, and room has been secured in a former Masonic Hall for activities. The camp will be closed to all except authorized personnel, but volunteer help can be used in collecting, sorting and selling clothing. Funds are needed, and a budget of \$1,500 has been set; checks payable to "The Migrant Ministry" can be mailed to the Associated Churches.

## BOY SCOUT CHAPLAIN

The Protestant Committee on Scouting which was organized with the help of the Associated Churches, has secured the services of Richard Layman, a Seminary student and Scouter to be the Protestant Chaplain at the Boy Scout Camp this summer. He will conduct worship services and do personal counseling. This program will cost about \$800 which is being raised from donations from churches that have Boy Scout troops. Individual donations are welcome. Make checks payable to "The Protestant Committee on Scouting" First Christian is contributing to this fund.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1968

8:00 A.M. - Chapel Service  
10:00 A.M. - Morning Worship  
9:00 A.M. - Church School .. Classes for  
all age groups.

(A Nursery is provided for children and  
infants through age 3.

10:00 Kindergarten Workshop

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### VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Monday through Friday, June 10 - 14

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

MUCH NEEDED ITEMS .... In addition to  
the pot pie pans, metal soft oleo tubs,  
scraps of felt, and pictures mentioned in  
last week's issue of Tidings, our vacation  
Church School teachers need small card-  
board jewelry boxes and one pound coffee  
cans. If you can help us with any of these,  
please leave them in the box provided in-  
side the door of the church.

June 2, 1968

Church attendance	318
Church School Attendance	206
Regular Church Offering	1926.75
Church School Offering	318.48
Children's Day Offering	41.68
Building Fund	8.00
	<u>\$ 2294.91</u>

### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ..

Amount due to Lincoln Bank and the  
Memorial Trust Fund .... \$18,401.83

### CYF TO POKAGON

Calling all CYFers! Be sure to come  
prepared to leave right after the second  
church service for the picnic and fun day  
at Pokagon State Park. Bring a sack  
lunch to eat right after we arrive at the  
park and a covered dish for the evening  
meal. If you did not sign up for what  
you wish to bring, bring enough of some-  
thing you'd like to share with the rest.  
also bring any game equipment you wish.  
there will be opportunity for swimming,  
horseback riding, and much more. We  
will have a short business meeting, in-  
cluding election of officers for next year.  
These officers will be installed at the  
evening camp fire. Those who are fin-  
ishing ninth grade this year are also in-  
vited. We will leave for home by 9:00  
p.m.

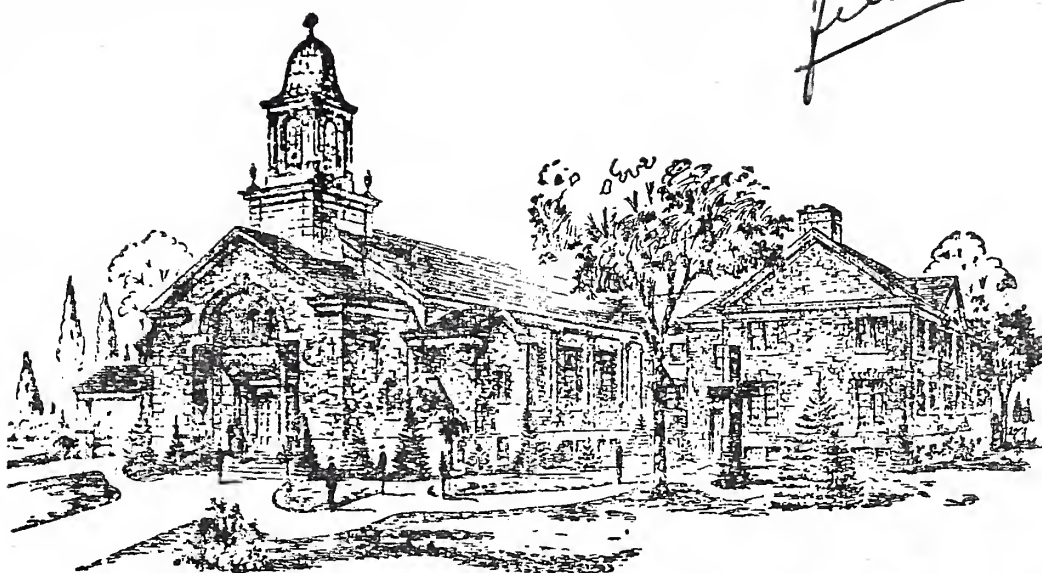
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### PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Bert Leversee had eye surgery last  
week at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Clarence Hetrick also had eye sur-  
gery last week at Parkview.

Mrs. Elna Taylor had surgery this week  
at Parkview, Room 229.



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## IN PRAISE OF THE YOUTH PROGRAM

There are phases of church life that coincide with the school year. This is especially characteristic of the youth program. Therefore, summer allows some respite from the regular meetings and activity of the rest of the year.

As the "youth year" concludes, this program and the people involved deserve commendation from the church. It has been a good year of participation and contribution - together, within the church, and for others. Members and officers have shown interest and responsibility.

A large measure of accomplishment is because of direction and sponsorship. Those giving regular leadership this year have been: Chi Rho: Mrs. Hendricks Love, Mrs. Harley Meadows; CYF: Marvin Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Nierman; Junior Deacons: Ted Bryan; music and bell choirs: Don Parlette; scouting: Mrs. Robert Hendricks, Max Finkhousen, Wayne Penny, Fred Smell; Church school classes: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Church, John Thompson; and recently, director of youth and education, Mrs. Miriam Bixenman.

Mrs. Hendricks Love, has announced she is retiring as Chi Rho sponsor, having given leadership during 8 of the last 10 years. Mrs. Love has expended a vast amount of time, energy, thought and devotion in behalf of junior high youth. Her counsel will be sought often, as well as being appreciated greatly for this particular service, while she employs her talents and dedication in other ways.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### General Monthly Meeting

June 18, 8:00 P.M.

The Executive is to meet at 7:00 PM in the Chapel to take care of all unfinished business.

The new officers for 1968-69 will be installed in a special service by Mrs. John Williams; this includes Group leaders and Directors of Study, Worship and Service. We urge these women to be present for this impressive service. A 5-minute book review is scheduled for this meeting. The Nelson Group is in charge of Program and Worship, using the theme, "A Garden of Roses" The ladies from Dye Group will serve as postesses, and Fellowship Guild will serve refreshments.

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### HIGHER EDUCATION GRADUATES . . .

Congratulations from the entire church are in order to graduates from universities and professional schools. These have completed requirements for diplomas and degrees, preparatory to careers and occupations, and some for further graduate study. Among those to be congratulated are: Wanda Ripple Ingmire received her Bachelor of Arts, Summa cum laude, from U.C. Berkeley, Calif. June 15. Miss Linda King, from School of Dental Hygiene, Indiana University Regional Campus; Richard McVay, received his B.A. from Indiana University on June 10; he will enter Med. School at Indianapolis; Miss Ann Morrical received her diploma on May 31, from Ravenscroft Beauty College; James Plummer graduated from Indiana University, Bloomington, June 10. John W. Williams received his degree June 6, from Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

### Officers Serving Sunday June 16

#### ELDERS:

Earl Plummer

J. Fred Smell

#### Alternates -

Hugh Rice

Glenn Miller

#### DEACONS - Captain: Thomas Frappier

Arthur W. Mowery

#### E.M. O'Laughlin

Ralph Weesner

James W. Lehman

Merle Rice

Leon Johns

Herbert Banet

Marvin Crouse

#### Alternates -

James Heavin

John C. Varner

George R. Davis

Vernon Moore

#### DEACONESSES - June 16, 23, 30

Mrs. Rufus Quinn

Mrs. Helen Clymore

#### SUNDAY GREETERS - June

Pairs & Spares

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### CAMPS & CONFERENCES

To date, we have ten of our youth already enrolled in summer camps and conferences. We have also received notice that several of the summer events are already filled and no more enrollments for these particular events can be accepted. However, all events at Camp Barbee are still open. The fact that some events have now been filled should serve as a warning to all those still planning to enroll to do so immediately in order to make sure of being accepted for the event they wish to attend. Mrs. Bixenman now has a fresh supply of registration blanks which she will be glad to give to anyone interested. Make all checks for your half of your fee payable to First Christian .

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

<u>June 9</u>	Att.	Off.
Friendly Class	16	2.15
Progressive Class	27	13.25
Come Double Class	18	9.75
Berean Class	15	5.00
'58 Class	21	10.50
Pairs & Spares	6	1.00
High School Class	22	5.00
Junior High Dept	16	2.75
Junior Dept.	28	6.09
Primary Dept.	24	4.20
Kindergarten	10	1.80
Nursery 2-4	9	1.00
Babes & Toddlers	5	.55
	217	\$ 62.79

### PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Walter Birkhold has been a patient in Lutheran Hospital since last week.

#### MRS. SCOTT'S RETIREMENT

A letter of resignation from Mrs. Robert C.M. Scott as church organist was read to the board on June 4, and was accepted with statements of profound appreciation for her service of 41 years. This record of playing for worship and accompanying choirs and soloists for one congregation will be hard to match. Mrs. Scott has also been much involved in the whole life of the church, especially its church school and CWF. Her retirement as organist becomes effective July 1.

Plans are under way for an occasion to honor her, and to make other gestures of the church's esteem and appreciation.

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One of the most enjoyable features of a summer vacation is the thrill of getting back home after it is over.

## LET'S GET EXCITED ABOUT ....

Yes, let's get excited about our new curriculum! The Christian Life Curriculum, as the new curriculum we are all anticipating for the fall of 1969 is known, promised to be the finest, most comprehensive curriculum plan for the churches yet developed. Anticipation is running high throughout our Brotherhood.

The intent, or mission, of the church has often been referred to as the ministry of the church. We have long recognized that this ministry has many facets, but that it takes all of them together to make up the total ministry. The ministry of the church is one ministry. That facet of the church's ministry with which our new curriculum will deal is that of education. '

In learning, the learner is active. He does not just receive learning. He must be active in the process. No learner is passive. This is one of the principles upon which our new curriculum is being built.

The new curriculum is being developed for the entire life span, rather than a separate curriculum for children, for youth, and for adults. This does not mean that there will not be age level courses. Of course there will. No child can learn at the adult level. But all will be a part of the whole, not a separate entity of itself.

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More articles on the new curriculum will be printed in the Tidings at other times.

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June 9, 1968

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 1968

8:00 A.M. - Chapel Service  
10:00 A.M. - Morning Worship  
9:00 A.M. Church School ...Classes  
for all age groups.  
(A Nursery is provided for children and  
infants through age 3.)  
10:00 Kindergarten Workshop

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OPEN HOUSE for

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, at 7:30 P.M. in  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

A film will be shown on "Indiana  
Migrant Missions" Members of our  
congregation and friends are cordially  
invited to come.

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Church Attendance	265
Church School Attendance	217
Regular Church Offering	1026.93
Church School Offering	62.79
Children's Day Offering	1.25
Building Fund	13.00
	<u>\$ 1103.97</u>

### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...

Amount due to Lincoln Bank and the  
Memorial Trust Fund ... \$ 18,401.83

New Forms of Mission is the theme to  
be emphasized in Protestantism during  
the months ahead. World Call will run  
a feature article on this topic each  
month through November. These may  
be used for personal help and as pro-  
gram resources. In the July-August is-  
sue the article is called, "Friendly Town"

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### VISIT THESE BRIGHT ROOMS

The nursery and toddlers' room, and  
the room for 3-year olds were complete-  
ly painted last week. All furnishings  
were thoroughly scrubbed, and some ex-  
cess equipment removed. Mr. Mueller  
did a fine job of polishing floors in these  
rooms and the children's rooms on the  
ground floor. Take notice of these im-  
proved surroundings for Christian guid-  
ance!

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The NEW CHRISTIAN LIFE CURRICU-  
LUM is being developed for all Christ-  
ian settings, not for each separately. In  
the fall of 1969, the following five set-  
tings within our new curriculum will  
all be ready for use: Retreats, The home,  
The Church's School (note the new term)  
CMF/CWF Studies, and Through-the -  
week Education.



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## RECONCILIATION

Your church board gave much time and conscientious discussion during its May and June meetings to major issues confronting our society and churches: racial stress, civil disorder, poverty, delinquency, youth needs, etc. A statement by the Race Relations Commission of the Associated Churches pointed the concern over increased separation, alienation and inequality between the races in our society, and over all the related problems. This same concern has brought forth a board program of help and action within our brotherhood, named "Reconciliation, and funds have been made available by church agencies to help cope with urgent needs this summer. Our churches must then refund much of this money, drawn from other sources and programs, in order to meet emergencies especially in our cities.

The constructive action by our board, on the recommendation of the committee on Christian Action and Community Service, include these two of three decisions: 1. to send at least one Negro youth from Fort Wayne to CYF conference this summer; 2. to gather funds for the employment of inner city youth in a program coordinated by the Race Relations Commission; these youth are potential school "drop outs", or potential "unemployables", or otherwise in need of special attention.

A letter and envelope for giving of this special offering have been mailed to families this week, for return during worship with regular giving, or to the

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## 1968 VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL..

We had a very fine school this year with 106 children enrolled including those we transported from Harmar School. The mission offering for Migrants in Indiana was \$31.65. All those who helped with the school were volunteers. Among them were the Staff: For

registration: Mrs. Wm. Crouse, Mrs. Hugh Rice, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mrs. James Heavin, Mrs. Frederick Jenkins, Mrs. John Olson. Refreshments: Mrs. Gene Shirley, Mrs. Geo. Warren, Susan Love, Patty Wetzel; Music: Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. Leah Hayes; Worship: Mrs. Miriam Bixenman; Publicity: Max Finkhousen, Mark Snyder; Nursery -Pre-school: Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Carolyn Hendricks, Cindy Hunt; Babies: Mrs. Mary Wagner, Cathy Bryan; Kindergarten: Mrs. Russell Wortley, Mrs. James Knight, Mrs. Charles Hunt, Mrs. Ronald Aker; Primary: Mrs. Ted Bryan, Mrs. Thomas Frappier, Mrs. W.J. Williams, Mrs. Chris, Proicou, Mrs. Wm. Schilling, Barbara Hendricks, Greg Allen, Rick Hendricks; Junior: Mrs. Hendricks Love, Mrs. Clair Buskirk, Mrs. Harley Meadows, Mrs. Ralph Church, Mrs. J.E. Weicker; Friday...

Mrs. Max Finkhousen, Mrs. Floyd Morrical; Leader: Mrs. Robert Hendricks; Others who assisted with the school: Jane Weicker, Mrs. Harold Richmond, Mrs. Herman Weber, Rebecca Banet, Herbert Banet, Deborah Love, Mrs. Geo. Bruckman, Mrs. Chas. Eckert, Franklin McGuire, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. H.G. Helmuth, Mrs. Geo. Duncan, Mrs. H. Nordblom, Charles Ludwig, Jack Weicker.

Sincere thanks to all of you.

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Mr. W. Ward Bundy is a patient in Lutheran Hospital. Room 764  
Mr. Ben Taylor entered St. Joseph's hospital on Wednesday of this week.

## CAMP AND CONFERENCE - 1968

Two more of our camps and conferences have now been filled. These are the first two weeks of Chi Rho Camp at Barbee. The weeks of July 15 and July 22 can still take a few more registrants. If you wish to attend any of the summer events, be sure to get your registration in to the church office this week, along with your fee. For Chi Rho your fee is \$11.50, one-half the total cost.

## ..... INSTALLATION OF CWF OFFICERS

On Tuesday evening of this week the new officers of CWF for 1968-69 were installed in a beautiful service. Mrs. John Williams was our installing officer. Those installed were: Virginia Bruckman president; Ruth Ogles, Vice-President; Mary Love, recording secretary, Dorothy Merriman, corresponding secretary; and Esther Clipp, treasurer. Others installed were the group leaders: Mrs. Helen Clymore, Higdon; Miss Ethel Shroyer, Fellowship Guild; Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Dye; Mrs. Russell Wortley, Nelson; Mrs. James Ruble, Montgomery; Mrs. Henry Schryver, Spice; Mrs. Robert Ogles, Kepple; Mrs. Wm. Love, McGravran was not present. The president's pin and gavel was presented to Mrs. Bruckman by the out-going president, Mrs. Owen Vaught.

## ..... LET'S GET EXCITED ABOUT ..CLC..

Every one of our leaders here at First Christian has a part to play in getting ready for this new curriculum. Read and learn all you can about it. Be ready to come to classes this fall to learn how to use the new curriculum materials. The professional ministry of the church will be leading these classes. Watch for further announcements.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE  
Officers Serving Sunday, June 23.  
ELDERS:

Bert Leversee  
Herman Weber

Alternates -

Walter Birkhold  
S.E. Morriman

DEACONS: Captain, Edwin R. Allen

Robert Hendricks  
Richard Burkett  
John Hechler  
Donald L. Miller  
Robert Ogles  
Arthur Huddleston  
Norman Strayer  
Orie McDougale

Alternates -

Frank Moody  
LeRoy Timbrook

DEACONESSES - June 23, 30.

Mrs. Rufus Quinn  
Mrs. Helen Clymore

SUNDAY GREETERS - June

Pairs & Spares Class

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CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

<u>June 16</u>	Att.	Off.
Friendly Class	12	\$ 2.11
Progressive	27	15.75
Come Double	15	7.50
Berean Class	7	3.50
'58 Class	14	8.00
Pairs & Spares	7	7.85
High School	13	3.35
Junior High Dept	15	1.90
Junior Dept	18	6.90
Primary Dept	20	2.57
Kindergarten	5	1.35
Nursery 2-4	9	1.26
Babes & Toddlers	5	.77
	168	\$ 56.80

YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN EVANGELIST,  
IF YOU .....

1. Find it impossible not to share your faith with others.
  2. Go into the Church in order to prepare yourself to go out and do something about it.
  3. Care enough about others to get to know them and share their load.
  4. Let the neighbors see you get into your car each Sunday and drive it to Church.
  5. Read the Bible and have prayers with your family.
  6. Live the good life the same on Monday as on Sunday.
  7. Are as enthusiastic about your religion as about your favorite sport.
  8. Live as though God were alive in your heart.
  9. Support your church with your prayers, presence, gifts and service.
  10. Invite others to your choir, your class, your committee, your group or other church group.
  11. Live your faith where you work.
  12. Give God top billing in your life.
  13. Tell others about the gospel of another chance.
  14. Help others to know, love, and obey Jesus.
  15. Visit a new family in your neighborhood and invite them to worship at church.
  16. Obey the Great Commission of Jesus.
  17. Help your church to be effective in today's world and relevant to the needs of people.
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- CLC- Many have asked about "promotion day" in the new CLC. We will use a new term. The term is "annual launch" It will come either the first or second Sunday in September each year.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1968

8:00 A.M. - Chapel Service

10:00 A.M. - Morning Worship

9:00 A.M. - Church School ...

Classes for all age groups

(A Nursery is provided for children  
and infants through age 3)

10:00 A.M. Kindergarten Workshop

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June 16, 1968

Church Attendance 254

Church School Attendance 168

Regular Church Offering \$ 1586.63

Church School Offering 56.80

Children's Day Offering 10.00

\$ 1653.43

### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...

Amount due to Lincoln Bank and the  
Memorial Trust Fund ... \$18,401.83

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church office. Other responses to this challenge include the integrated Vacation Church School, which was a profitable and interesting experience. Also, persons or firms in position to hire unemployed youth may notify the church office. Beginning in July, some of the adult classes in the church school will study the Christian responsibility and involvement related to civil disorder. All of us can respond to the opportunity for reconciliation by Christian attitude, words and demeanor.

### SPECIAL T.V. PROGRAM

CBS News will be exploring America's Urban Crisis in three hour long TV programs on three successive evenings, June 24, 25, & 26. These programs will be entitled, "The Cities", and will be telecast over WANE-TV at 9:00 p.m. on each of these days. In these programs Walter Cronkite will trace the social, economic, and cultural elements that have made our cities great and worth conserving. In view of our Church's Christian concern in our nation's urban crisis, and the fact that most of our adult classes will be studying the urban crisis materials prepared by our brotherhood during the summer quarter (July-September), we particularly commend these programs to you for your viewing on these nights. They should provide excellent background for this study, so important to our nation's well being.

Mr. Estel Grier is a patient in St. Joseph's hospital, room 301



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## IN TRIBUTE TO MRS. SCOTT

Mrs. Robert C.M. Scott has played the organ for First Christian Church for 41 years, as of last April 7. That would mean being at the console for at least 2050 morning worship services, and helping the congregation in singing well over 6150 hymns - to say nothing of all the anthems, solos, preludes, responses, and no telling how many weddings, funerals and other special services. Then the hidden qualities are necessarily there: uncountable hours of personal practice; rehearsals with choirs and soloists; artistic skill and discipline; love of music; concern for the people helped by her music; her own praise to God and personal worship, and devotion to the church. These are some of the attributes Mrs. Scott has brought and given to the church through music - which do not include her teaching in church school or participation and leadership in women's work.

This Sunday, June 30, Mrs. Scott will conclude this remarkable record as organist, having the enormous appreciation and affection of the whole church and its congregation during all of these years. Perhaps a sentence from Carl Sandburg in "Prairie" is not inappropriate:

"The peace of great churches be for you,  
Where the players of lofty pipe organs  
Practice old lovely fragments, alone."

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## NEW CLASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Our Church School Class for young adults was revitalized last Sunday. Merle Rice is serving as the temporary teacher and the class is meeting in the church kitchen. All single young adults (post High school age) are invited to become a part of this group.

## CAR WASH TO BE SPONSORED BY YOUTH....

Our youth groups will sponsor a car wash on July 13 (Saturday) on the church parking lot. Proceeds from the car will go to finance the projects in the Youth Seminar Program described elsewhere in this issue of TIDINGS. We urge you to put the date on your calendar and watch the next two issues of TIDINGS for full details of time and cost of the car washing. PLAN TO DRIVE A CLEAN CAR JULY 13, AND HELP OUR YOUTH IN THIS PROJECT!

## YOUTH SEMINAR

Our youth groups combine for the summer and engage in a Youth Seminar. These young folks of Junior and Senior High School age have many activities planned for the summer months. These consist of a trip to Indianapolis to visit our Brotherhood National Offices, Flanner House, and the CTS Campus, a trip to Kentucky to visit Cane Ridge Meeting House, Transylvania College, and Lexington Theological Seminary; a trip to Marian to take acts from the recent vaudeville show to entertain our older folks at the Emily E. Flinn Home there, and a work project for the Fort Wayne City Rescue Mission. Recently an excellent film on the use of narcotics was presented by two officers from the local narcotics bureau.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, June 30

### ELDERS:

Ralph Church

Cecil Rice

### Alternates -

Herman Weber

Albert Powell

### DEACONS: Captain, Edwin R. Allen

Robert Hendricks

Richard Burkett

John Hechler

Donald Miller

Robert Ogles

Arthur Huddleston

Norman Strayer

Orie McDougle

### Alternates -

Paul Yentes

Max Finkhousen

John Clark

### DEACONESSES: June 30

Mrs. Rufus Quinn

Mrs. Helen Clymore

### SUNDAY GREETERS - June

Pairs & Spares Class

### Sunday Greeters - July

Progressive Class

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

June 23	Att.	Off.
Friendly Class	12	2.80
Progressive Class	23	12.00
Come Double Class	18	10.00
Berean Class	5	5.00
'58 Class	15	8.80
Pairs and Spares	9	3.25
High School Class	15	2.80
Junior High Dept	18	2.30
Junior Dept.	20	5.19
Primary Dept	19	3.08
Kindergarten	5	1.20
Nursery 2-4	7	1.22
Babes & Toddlers	4	.55
	170	\$ 56.20

## ODE to MRS. SCOTT

Four decades and one our organ keys  
have known her steady hand;  
And music of the bells she's raised  
across our blessed land.  
For weddings and for sadder days  
her music has been given ...  
The notes eternal have pealed forth  
to lead us on toward heaven.  
And preachers come and elders go in  
one ethereal river;  
But still the organ's music swells  
as though t'would last forever.  
We love you dearly, Mrs. Scott - of this  
you may be sure;  
Your notes have raised us to the skies  
or dropped us to the floor!  
And some day on another shore  
we'll hear a glad amen,  
And we will sing anew the songs  
we used to sing "back then."  
Then the choirs of all the ages will  
know the Master's hand;  
And faith triumphant o'er our fears  
will fill the Promised Land.  
The heavenly hosts will sing with glee  
a new and glad refrain,  
And we shall know the ones we've "lost"  
and welcome them again.  
And in the midst of all this joy  
the organ's thunderous voice shall  
rise  
As Handel directs the Hallelujah by the  
chorus in the skies.  
On the organ keys shall rest the hands  
of the finest in the lot ...  
Whose gift of earth shall gladden  
heaven -  
Our own dear Mrs. Scott!  
Jack E. Weicker, 1962

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Earl Snouffer spent several days as a patient in Lutheran Hospital. She is now at home.

Mrs. John L. Steigerwald had eye surgery recently at St. Joseph's Hospital and is now at home.

James Shirley young son of Mrs. Gene Shirley is in West Fourth, Lutheran Hospital, after accidentally injuring himself.

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SECRET PLACE for the next quarter is to be found in Hall of Memories and the front narthex.

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## NEW TOYS FOR OUR CHILDREN ...

We are pleased to have received an anonymous gift of a number of new teaching toys, which have recently been placed in our Nurseries and Kindergarten. These toys are not of the simple "play" variety. Play is the "work" of our children, and more teaching is possible through these "centers of activity" than through the older, more conventional, story telling method. We are most grateful for this gift and hope that many of you will pay a visit to these departments to see what is going on.

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## WEEKDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RE-

PORT... Fort Wayne is fortunate in having such an active weekday religious education program sponsored by the Associated Churches. Three new trailers have been purchased so the program planned is a larger, fuller program. However, one teacher for two days a week is still needed. Any person with some college work leading toward a teaching career, interested in working in this vital program, is invited to call the Associated Churches office for an appointment. The pay is not large, but the spiritual rewards are tremendous.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 1968

8:00 A.M. - Chapel Service

10:00 A.M. - Morning Worship

9:00 A.M. - Church School ...

Classes for all age groups

(A Nursery is provided for children and  
infants through age 3)

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June 23, 1968

Church Attendance	269
Church School Attendance	170
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1022.30
Church School Offering	56.20
Building Fund	3.00
Christian Action ...	90.00
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	\$ 1171.50

### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...

Amount due to Lincoln Bank and the  
Memorial Trust Fund ... \$18,401.83

All of Mrs. Scott's many admirers, in the church and other friends who have each and all been the recipients of her gift, are urged to be in the worship service this Sunday at 10:00. Following worship, a fellowship hour in her honor will be given by the choir, to which all are invited. Another occasion will be held in early fall for the church to again make gestures of appreciation.

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### VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Mrs. Robert Hendricks and Mrs. James Ruble shared responsibility as co-chairmen of the Vacation Church School.

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Mrs. Paul Maholm has gone home from the hospital. The Maholm's are living in the Angola area.

Our own Rachael McGuire is in Lutheran hospital, room 569 and will undergo eye surgery about Friday of this week.

Susan Mills and Harris Eloph, Jr. were united in marriage by Mr. McGuire on Saturday, June 22, 1968, in the church sanctuary.

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### KINDERGARTEN WORKSHOP ..

usually conducted during the regular church service, has been discontinued for the summer months. During the summer, our child care service will consist only of care for children of nursery age. This care is provided in the Crib-Nursery room. The Kindergarten workshop will resume in October.

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The grace of God knows no color line.

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## MEET THE MIG'S

Our new class for single young adults out of high school, which is currently meeting in the kitchen, has chosen to call themselves the MIG'S. We urge you to find out from class members what these initials mean. Any single young adult is invited to become a part of this new class.

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## CAR WASH DATE CHANGED

The date of the Youth Car Wash has been changed to Saturday, July 20, instead of July 13, as announced in last week's issue of TIDINGS. Be sure to plan to have your car washed that day. Bring it to the Church parking lot for an excellent job!

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## MILK CARTONS NEEDED

We are needing clean waxed milk cartons for making temporary blocks for our two nurseries. When you bring cartons please place them in the box at the entrance nearest the church offices.

## YOUTH TRIP TO EMILY FLINN HOME

One of three events planned for our youth during July is a trip to the Emily E. Flinn Home in Marion on Sunday afternoon, July 14. At this time, our youth will take a few of the acts from the Vaudeville Show which they presented to our folks earlier this spring.

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## YOUTH SWIM PARTY, July 24

A city-wide swim party planned by the Youth council of Associated Churches will be at McMillan Park, Wednesday, July 24. The evening will begin with devotions at 7:45; swimming from 8:00 until 9:15, refreshments following. Cost is 50¢ per person. Only 200 youth 9th grade through High school can be accommodated, so if you plan to go it is important that you get your reservation in to Mrs. Bixenman by July 14.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 1968

8:00 A.M. - Chapel Service  
10:00 A.M. - Morning Worship  
9:00 A.M. - Church School ...

Classes for all age groups  
(A nursery is provided for children and  
infants through age 3.)

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June 30, 1968

Church Attendance	265
Church School Attendance	161
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1190.75
Church School Offering	54.03
Building Fund	7.00
Christian Action	85.00
U. C. F. A.	18.20
	<u>\$ 1354.98</u>

### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...

Amount due to Lincoln Bank and the  
Memorial Trust Fund ..\$17,217.42

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, July 7, '68

### ELDERS:

William Crouse

Bert Leversee

Alternate -

Ralph Church

DEACONS: Captain - Edwin R. Allen

William Wilson

Wayne Penny

Robert Westerfield

--Romane Cole

James Heavin

John Varner

George Davis

Alternates -

Virgil Montgomery

Robert Schubel

Stanley Cole

Mark Snyder

DEACONESSSES - July 7, 14, 21

Mrs. S. E. Merriman

Mrs. Earl Plummer

SUNDAY GREETERS - July

Progressive Class

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### PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Mildred Darwachter was a patient  
in Lutheran Hospital. She had surgery  
last Friday. She is now at home.

Nancy Gump is a patient in Parkview  
room 443.

We express our sincere sympathy to  
Mrs. Edwin J. Day in the recent loss of  
her father, Mr. Delos Phillips.

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We wish to express our best wishes and  
congratulations to James H. Naile, for-  
mer <sup>member</sup> and chairman of our Board, who  
has been secured as special representa-  
tive in charge of a program of financ-  
ing the State Association's work. His  
office is located at 1100 W. 42nd St.  
Indianapolis. 46208.



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## YOUTH CONCERT

A concert by a choral group composed of Christian Church youth will be presented at West Creighton Church on Monday, Aug. 12 at 7:00. These youth will be participants in a state-wide music workshop at Indian Lake, Aug. 4-16, and will visit several churches for concerts. Homes are needed where the young people may be guests the night of Aug. 12 and have breakfast; families who will entertain them are asked to notify our church office.

Mrs. George Davis is serving as church organist for six weeks of the summer, having begun last Sunday. Mrs. Davis is a member and president of the choir and a soloist, and often accompanies music groups of the church. She also serves on the worship committee.

DATE CHANGE - Youth Car wash Saturday, July 20, in Church lot from 9:00 to 4:00, \$1.00 per car.

MILK CARTONS - please place in the box at entrance nearest church offices.

ATTENDANCE at Chapel service has averaged 43 during the first six Sundays, having from 25 to 60 present. The summer schedule of services will continue through August.

SPECIAL OFFERING - In response to concern over needs among great numbers of people, \$185 has been given to help cope with racial stress, civil disorder, poverty, youth needs, etc. Specific objectives: send Negro youth to CYF conference; employment of city youth who may be 'drop-outs'; brotherhood program called "Reconciliation."

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 1968

8:00 A.M. - Chapel Service  
10:00 A.M. - Morning Worship  
9:00 A.M. - Church School ...  
Class for all age groups  
(A nursery is provided for children and  
infants through age 3)

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July 7, 1968

Church Attendance	251
Church School Attendance	165
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1351.16
Church School Offering	53.65
Building Fund	3.00
Christian Action	10.00
	<u>\$ 1418.81</u>

### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...

Amount due to Lincoln Bank and to the  
Memorial Trust Fund ... \$ 17,217.42

### AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday July 14, 1968

#### ELDERS:

Robert Rayl  
Robert Chevalier

#### Alternates -

Andrew Cook  
Eugene Klepfer

#### DEACONS: Captain - Edwin R. Allen

William Wilson  
Wayne Penny  
Robert Westerfield  
Romane Cole  
James Heavin  
John C. Varner  
George Davis  
Vernon Moore

#### Alternates -

Merle Rice  
Leon Johns  
Herbert Banet  
Marvin Crouse

#### DEACONESSES - July 14, 21

Mrs. S. E. Merriman  
Mrs. Earl Plummer

#### SUNDAY GREETERS - July

Progressive Class

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#### PERSONAL MENTION

Norman Strayer is in Lutheran Hospital  
Room 406.

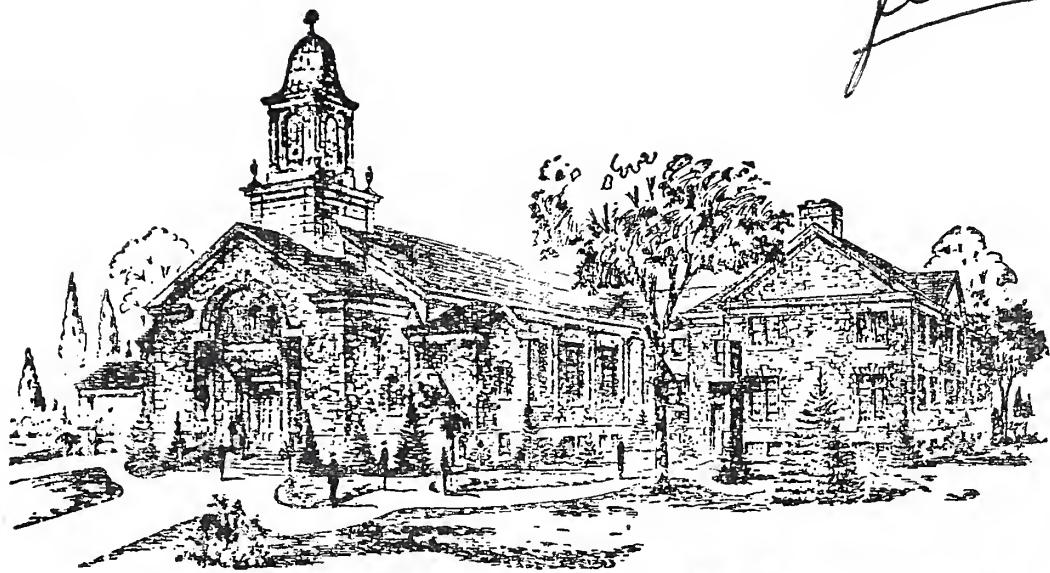
Charles Green was in Lutheran last week.  
Mrs. Frank Worrell is in Parkview, Rm.,  
413.

Mrs. Sara Stevens, mother of Mrs. Banet  
is still a patient at Parkview.

Our Custodian, Mr. Mueller, will be on  
vacation during the week of July 14.

David Griggs has led worship services for  
a Federated Church near one of the Ind.  
State Parks on recent Sundays.

*Felix*



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## COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR CHI RHO CAMPERS

We are pleased to have 8 of our young folks going to Chi Rho Camp at Barbee this next week. Rev. McGuire will have a commissioning service for these youth at the Morning Worship Service (10:00A.M.) this Sunday, July 21. Those attending include: Carolyn Hendricks, Debbie Nordblom, Scott Rayl, Waller McGuire, Margo Parlette, Lee Ann Ulrich, Doug Olson and Linda Yentes. Mrs. Bixenman will serve as counselor at this camp.

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HAVE YOUR CAR WASHED BY OUR YOUTH THIS SATURDAY, JULY 20, ANY TIME BETWEEN 9:00 and 4:00! The price is a real bargain, just \$1.00 per car! The Youth promise an excellent job. Proceeds support the Youth Seminar Program during the summer.

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DIRECTORY TO PRINTER - The pictorial directory is now at the printer's, and we hope for delivery soon of copies for each family whose picture is included. There has been delay in order to include changed phone numbers, and because of misplacement of a few pictures which have all been located.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Committee will meet Tuesday evening, July 30, from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. Committee members are asked to please save this date.

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Mr. McGuire will conduct "Faith to Live By" on WKJG-TV, Tuesday, July 23, at 9:55 A.M.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 1968

8:00 A.M. - Chapel Service  
10:00 A.M. - Morning Worship  
9:00 A.M. - Church School ....

Classes for all age groups.

(A Nursery is provided for children and  
infants through age 3.)

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July 14, 1968

Church Attendance	234
Church School Attendance	165
Regular Church Offering	1700.20
Church School Offering	54.54
Building Fund	13.00
Social Action	11.00
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	\$ 1778.74

### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...

Amount due to Lincoln Bank and to the  
Memorial Trust Fund ... \$17,217.42

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, July 21,

### ELDERS:

John Thompson  
Kenneth Edwards

### Alternates -

Alfred Schell  
Earl Plummer

### DEACONS: Captain - George Warren

Virgil Montgomery  
Robert Schubel  
Stanley Cole  
Mark Snyder  
W. Harry Imbody  
William Schilling  
James Ruble  
Ted Bryan

### Alternates -

Robert Hendricks  
Richard Burkett  
John Hechler  
Donald Miller

### DEACONESSES - July 21

Mrs. S. E. Merriman  
Mrs. Earl Plummer

### SUNDAY GREETERS - July

Progressive Class

### Sunday Greeters - August

Berean Class

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### PERSONAL MENTION

SYMPATHY is extended to Mrs. Jack Kammer, whose father died this week. BEST WISHES to Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Groves (Carole Weesner) wed July 13. James L. Crouse is scheduled for heart surgery on July 19 in San Francisco, where the family has lived since February. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crouse are with their son.

SYMPATHY is extended to Mrs. Ralph Keller in the death of her mother last week; her father also died recently.

*Julius*



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YOUTH TO VISIT INDIANAPOLIS - As a part of the summer Youth Seminar, our young people will make a trip to Indianapolis on August 7. We will leave the church at 7:00 A.M. and return that evening. We will visit the United Christian Missionary Society, the Board of Church Extension, Flanner House, the CTS campus, and perhaps our state offices. Youth who plan to go are asked to sign up with Mrs. Bixenman by August 4. If there are adults who would like to make the trip with us, you would be most welcome. Please let Mrs. Bixenman know, also telling her if you can drive a car that day.

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ROOMS FOR SINGERS - Homes are needed on Monday night, Aug. 12, for a number of youth who will present a concert at West Creighton Church. These young people will be visiting churches during a Christian Church music conference at Indian Lake, Aug. 4-16. Lodging and breakfast are needed; please phone our church office.

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Rev. John Williams has been doing supply preaching for churches in Indianapolis and Paulding Ohio, for several weeks; he is also completing additional graduate work at Christian Theological Seminary this summer.

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Congratulations to couples recently married: Mr. & Mrs. Harold E. Strickler (Mrs. Sylvia Engle) on July 20; and to Mr. & Mrs. Wm. W. DeVinney (Miss Myrtle Peterson) on July 22.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 1968

8:00 A.M. - Chapel Service

10:00 A.M. - Morning Worship

9:00 A.M. - Church School ....

Classes for all age groups

(A Nursery is provided for children and  
infants through age 3)

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July 21, 1968

Church Attendance	254
Church School Attendance	168
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1058.65
Church School Offering	57.41
Building Fund	13.00
	<u>\$ 1129.06</u>

### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE

Amount due to Lincoln Bank and to the  
Memorial Trust Fund ...\$17,217.42

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE  
Officers Serving Sunday, July 28

#### ELDERS:

Myron Cole

Earl Plummer

#### Alternates -

J. Fred Smell

Bert Leversee

#### DEACONS: Captain -George Warren

Virgil Montgomery

~~Robert Schubert~~

Stanley Cole

Mark Snyder

W. Harry Imbody

William Schilling

James Ruble

Ted Bryan

#### Alternates -

Robert Ogles

Arthur Huddleston

Norman Strayer

Orie McDougale

#### DEACONESSSES - July 28; Aug. 4, 11

Mrs. Hendricks Love

Mrs. Robert Hendricks

#### SUNDAY GREETERS - July

Progressive Class

#### Sunday Greeters - August

Berean Class

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#### PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Albert Egly is ill at her home.

Thomas Penny is at home recuperating  
from a broken leg. 3811 Webster St.

Mr. Robert Neal is in Room 231, Park-  
view Hospital.

Mrs. Juanita Dusing had surgery last  
week. She is Mrs. Likens' daughter.

Our soloists the past two Sundays have  
been Mrs. Lloyd Weber and Mr. Wendell  
Guilden, from Calvary Presbyterian  
Church.



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 1968

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10:00 A.M. - Morning Worship

9:00 A.M. 0 Church School ...

( A Nursery is provided for children and  
infants through age 3)

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July 28, 1968

Church Attendance	238
Church School Attendance	162
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1181.70
Church School Offering	53.30
	<u>\$ 1235.00</u>

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Alternates -

Herman Weber - John Merrill

DEACONS: Captain, Thomas Frappier

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Paul D. Truby - Max Finkhousen

LeRoy Timbrook -

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DEACONESES - August 4, 11.

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SUNDAY GREETERS - Berean Class

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### PERSONAL MENTION

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MRS. DON L. PARLETTE will become organist for our church on Sunday, August 18. A graduate of Toledo Conservatory of Music, she has been a pupil of Otto Sturner, J. C. Kohler and Richard Phipps. She has also studied at Ball State and in Chicago. She was organist at Hazelwood Christian Church, Muncie, as well as in Methodist and Presbyterian churches in Fort Wayne. She teaches piano at her home. Our church is fortunate in securing this "teamleadership" in Mr. and Mrs. Parlette as director and organist.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR ADULT CLASSES - Sunday, August 11, Mr. Carl Benson, secretary of the Mayor's Commission on Human Relations, will speak to the adult church school classes who are currently studying the Urban Crisis in America. Mr. Benson, like Mr. Bill Williams, of Allen County Economic Opportunities Council, will relate the Urban Crisis to the local need here in Fort Wayne. Mr. Benson will answer questions at the close of his talk. Other classes are invited to come to Fellowship Hall at 9:10 to hear Mr. Benson.

NAONOBU TAGAWA of Japan is a guest of Mr. & Mrs. John Merrill for 6 weeks in the Experiment in International Living. From Kanazawa City, he is a senior mechanical engineering student. He is one of 10 visitors doing volunteer social work in Fort Wayne, in a YMCA-sponsored program. "Nobu", who is of the Buddhist religion, has been in worship in our church. OTHER GUESTS during July: Mrs. Lloyd Weber, Mr. Wendell Guilden, guest soloists; Miss Eunice Woods, a missionary in Nigeria and neice of Mrs. A. J. Powell; Rev. & Mrs. Maurice Davis, Monticello Christian Church; Rev. & Mrs. James Shockney, Atlanta, Ill. -Page -2-

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### CHURCH CALENDAR - AUGUST 11, 1968

8:00 A.M. - Chapel Service

10:00 A.M. - Morning Worship

9:00 A.M. - Church School . . .

(A Nursery is provided for children and  
infants through age 3)

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August 4, 1968

Church Attendance	287
Church School Attendance	166
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1757.45
Church School Offering	65.83
Building Fund	12.00
	<u>\$ 1835.28</u>

### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .

Amount due to Lincoln Bank and to the  
Memorial Trust Fund ..\$16,027.58

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YOUTH CONCERT - West Creighton Ave.  
Church, Monday, August 12, at 7 P.M.  
Homes are still needed to entertain the  
young people overnight.

### AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, August 11

#### ELDERS:

Solon Merriman; David Griggs

#### Alternates -

Herman Weber; John Merrill

DEACONS: Captain, Thomas Frappier

Frank Moody - Paul Yentes

Max Finkhousen - LeRoy Timbrook

#### Alternates -

W.F. Imbody - Wm. J. Schilling

James Ruble - Ted Bryan

DEACONESSES - August 11

Mrs. Hendricks Love

Mrs. Robert Hendricks

SUNDAY GREETERS - Berean Class

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### PERSONAL MENTION

Lutheran Hospital - Fred Hilker, Rm. 662  
Herdis Helmuth - Rm. 324; Lorinda, Dr.  
Ruble's daughter was in Lutheran last  
week.

Dale Parkerson is in Parkview, Rm 347.

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NOTE: The expenses for our recent Va-  
cation Church School, that were not co-  
vered by special offerings were under-  
written by one of our fine members. We  
wish to express our appreciation.

SEVEN YOUNG PEOPLE going to CYF  
Conference at Barbee will be commis-  
sioned during the 10:00 service this Sun-  
day. They are Jody Eckert, Barbara and  
Rick Hendricks, Linda Jenkins, Barbara  
Love, Melanie McGuire, Jeff. Olson.  
Conference begins at 3:00 Sunday, and  
ends the next Saturday. Mr. McGuire  
will serve as a counselor.

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GUESTS - Mr. & Mrs. Jay Bixenman,  
Bloomington, Ill.; Mr. John Berlien and  
daughter, South Bend; the Richard Van-  
derwall family of St. Paul, Minnesota.

*Jill*



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First Christian Church, Fort Wayne, was one of 5 churches to receive a "WORLD CALL AWARD" for having the most subscriptions.

Our sincere thanks to Mrs. George Davis who has served as organist since July 1. Mrs. Don Parlette will begin as organist on August 18.

Mrs. Miriam Bixenman plans to attend the Conference a Go Go, August 20-29.

## DO YOU READ THE CHRISTIAN?

Many of us at First Christian Church are regular readers of THE CHRISTIAN. However, we find that many copies are left unclaimed. Therefore, we are going to try a new plan, that of having THE CHRISTIAN mailed directly to the home of those families who wish to receive it. This Sunday morning in every church school class there will be an opportunity to sign up if you wish to receive your copy, mailed to you beginning October 1. There will be another opportunity on August 25 to sign for it. If you will not be at church either of these Sundays please drop by and sign the list on the bulletin board near the Pettit street entrance or 'phone the church office and we will put your name on the list. After October 1, copies of THE CHRISTIAN will not be given out in the classes, so be sure to sign up if you wish to receive yours. the next opportunity will not be until before the January 1 quarter.

The BOY SCOUTS of America will have a 'car wash' on the church lot, Saturday August 17 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

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10:00 A.M. Morning Worship

9:00 A.M. Church School

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infants through age 3)

TIME of service and church school begin-  
ning September 1.

9:15 A.M. Church School

10:30 A.M. Morning Worship

BROADCAST - Our morning Worship Ser-  
vices will be broadcast over WGL during  
September.

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August 11, 1968

Church Attendance 267

Church School Attendance 140

Regular Church Offering \$ 858.01

Church School Offering 46.99

Building Fund 100.00

\$ 1043.00

Mortgage balance . . . . . \$ 16,027.58

### AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, August 18

#### ELDERS:

Robert Rayl ; Rufus Quinn

#### Alternates -

Robert Chevalier, John Thompson

DEACONS: Captain: Thomas Frappier

Arthur Mowery - E.M. O'Laughlin

Ralph Weesner - Merle D. Rice

Leon Johns - Herbert Banet

Marvin Crouse.

Alternates - Wm. Wilson, Wayne Penny

Robert Westerfield, Romane Cole.

DEACONESSES - August 18, 25; Sept. 1

Mrs. Robert Ogles

Mrs. Ralph Church

SUNDAY GREETERS - Berean Class

For September - '58 Class

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### PERSONAL MENTION

In hospitals: Estel Grier, St. Joseph's 811

John Mathis, Parkview, 616; Mrs. Chas.  
Green, Lutheran 661.

SYMPATHY: To the family of Mrs.  
Albert Coil. Mrs. Coil passed away on  
Monday. Services will be Wednesday  
in Kendallville.

Sympathy to Jerry VanDyke in the death  
of his father in Bloomington.

Sympathy to Mrs. Paul Wilcoxson in the  
death of her father.

WEDDINGS: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Weicker  
cordially invite members of First Christ-  
ian Church to the marriage of their  
daughter, Kathryn Ann to M. Dennis  
Graham, on Saturday, August 24 at  
2:30 in the sanctuary. Reception in  
Fellowship Hall.

Announcing the marriage of Susan Kay  
Mowery and James Jones on July 26 in  
Hazelwood Christian Church, Muncie.

Mrs. F. J. Worrell is in Parkview, 427.



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THERE IS ONE MORE SUNDAY for the summer schedule; August 25 will have Chapel service at 8:00. Church School at 9:00, and Sanctuary Service at 10:00. The change in time will be on September 1, with Church School at 9:15, and the Service of Worship at 10:30; Worship will be broadcast over WGL each Sunday of September at 10:30. The choir will rehearse on Thursday, August 29, after several week's vacation. Your church staff has taken minimum days of vacation this summer; Mrs. Bixenman and Mr. McGuire have had mostly 'over-night' trips with their families; Mrs. Vaught chose to take a day or two out of some weeks; Mr. Parlette and family had a rainy week at a lake; Mr. Mueller had one week off, but was around the building often. Hardly anyone has been away on Sunday, except for church-related travel.

7 OF OUR YOUTH were among 72 at CYF Conference last week at Camp Barbee. 12 Negro youth from Fort Wayne also attended; the Indiana Association of Christian Churches paid one-half on these fees, and our church paid the balance for four, as did North and West Creighton churches. Three of our youth were chosen for the conference cabinet: Jody Eckert, Linda Jenkins, and Barbara Love. The conference gave a missions offering of \$108.72

REMINDER: Be sure to sign up for THE CHRISTIAN if you wish to receive it. After October 1, copies of THE CHRISTIAN will not be given out in the classes. The Christian will sent to the homes of those who sign for it at no extra cost to the Church. The next opportunity to sign up will not be until before January 1. SIGN UP THIS SUNDAY!!!

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Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, Director  
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### CHURCH CALENDAR - August 25, 1968

8:00 A.M. - Chapel Service

10:00 A.M. - Morning Worship

9:00 A.M. - Church School

(A nursery is provided for children and  
infants through age 3.)

TIME OF SERVICE and Church School be-  
ginning September 1.

9:15 A.M. - Church School

10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship

BROADCAST - Our morning Worship Ser-  
vices will be broadcast over WGL during  
September.

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August 18, 1968

Church attendance	217
Church School attendance	149
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1083.46
Church School Offering	47.47
Building Fund	3.00
UCFA	1.60
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	\$ 1135.43

### AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, August 25

ELDERS: Eugene Klepfer, Wm. H. Crouse

Alternates - Kenneth Edwards, Robt. Rayl

DEACONS: Captain, Thomas Frappier

Arthur Mowery - E. M. O'Laughlin

Ralph Weesner - Merle D. Rice

Leon Johns - Herbert Ba net

Marvin Crouse

Alternates - James Heavin, John Varner,

George Davis, Vernon Moore

DEACONESSES - August 25, Sept. 1.

Mrs. Robert Ogles

Mrs. Ralph Chur ch

SUNDAY GREETERS - Berean Class

September " - '58 Class

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### PERSONAL MENTION

Several of our members have been in  
hospital but have now gone home: Dale  
Parkerson, Herdis Helmuth, Mrs. Chas.  
Green, Mrs. Neil Allen, Mrs. Henry  
Flowers.

Mrs. Fred Halker is a patient in Luth-  
eran, Rm. 670.

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MEN OF THE CHURCH are invited to  
the CMF Retreat at Camp Barbee, Sept.  
20-22 (Friday evening through Sunday  
noon.) Program information is available  
Cost \$10.00; reservations needed.

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DISTRICT 1 Board will meet at 6:30,  
Tuesday, August 27, at Kendallville.  
Plans for the district convention are to  
be made at this meeting. Representa-  
tives from each congregation are to be  
present.

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CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ..  
Amount due to Lincoln Bank and to the  
Memorial Trust Fund .. \$ 16,027.58.



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Church School will begin at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30 beginning this Sunday, September 1. The Service will be broadcast over Radio WGL each Sunday of September from 10:30 to 11:30. ELDERS and DEACONS are asked to be in or near the chapel several minutes before service time; the full complement of (8) deacons is needed now. CHOIR members are also urged to be present at the service, and at Thursday evening rehearsals; Adults and High School Youth are invited to sing in the choir. YOUTH Fellowships will resume their Sunday evening meetings this month.

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All CYFers are urged to attend the CYF CAMPOUT the weekend of September 7 & 8. We will go to Wabash Game Preserve, near Bluffton. Cost will be \$2.00 per person. Weekend plans include planning CYF program for the school year, fun, food, and fellowship. Reservations are necessary. Please phone Muriel Crouse (483-4771), Barbara Love (744-1615), or Miriam Bixenman (744-3239 or 444-4735) by noon Tuesday, September 3. Cancellations must be made by noon Friday, Sept. 13, if you cannot attend.

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This is the final week to sign for THE CHRISTIAN. Sign in your class, on the Church bulletin board, or phone the church office.

The CHURCH BOARD meeting is postponed to Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 8:00 P.M. Members are needed at this first fall meeting. ELDERS will meet at 7:30.

Our "church family" will want to reserve Sunday afternoon, Sept. 15, for the informal program and dessert to again honor Mrs. Robert Scott.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR - September 1, 1968

9:15 Church School

10:30 Morning Worship

(A nursery is provided for children and  
infants through age 3.)

OUR 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE will be  
broadcast over Radio WGL this Sunday  
and during the month of September.

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August 25, 1968

Church Attendance	224
Church School Attendance	145
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1235.07
Church School Offering	43.11
Building Fund	2.00
	<u>\$ 1300.20</u>

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...  
Amount due to Lincoln Bank and to the  
memorial Trust Fund ..\$16,027.58

CHOIR REHEARSAL-Thursdays at 7:30

### AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, September 1.

ELDERS: Hugh Rice, Andrew Cook

Alternates - Robert Rayl, John Thompson

DEACONS: Captain, Edwin R. Allen

Robt Hendricks, Richard Burkett, John

Hiechler, Donald Miller, Robert Ogles,

A.R. Huddleston, Norman Strayer, Orie

McDougle.

Alternates- Frank Moody, LeRoy Tim-  
brook.

DEACONESSES - September 1.

Mrs. Robt. Ogles, Mrs. Ralph Church

GREETERS for Sept. '58 Class

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### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Kepple Group will meet at 9 AM. with

Mrs. George Bruckman, 3729 South Dr.

Tuesday, September 3. Program, Mrs.

Robert Ogles; Worship, Mrs. Geo. Duncan.

Any needing a ride call Mrs. Ogles.

McGavran Group will meet with Mrs. W

J. Marks, 4705 Lafayette Espl. Tuesday

Sept 3, at 1:30 PM. Program and Wor-

ship by Mrs. Wm. Love.

Dye Group will meet with Mrs. Vaughn

Brickley, at Big Long Lake, Wednesday

September 4, an all day meeting. Pro-

gram by Mrs. W. Bundy; Worship by Mrs.

Dennis Andrew.

Higdon Group will meet with Mrs. John

Martin, 4420 Kekionga Dr. Thursday,

Sept. 5, at 7:45 PM. Program, Mrs. H.

Clymore; Worship, Mrs. Ralph Church.

Spice Group will meet September 11.

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### PERSONAL MENTION

Robert Ogles was in Lutheran Hospital  
for a few days this last week.

Paul Truby attended church last Sunday  
for the first time since becoming ill.

The church extends best wishes to Mr. &  
Mrs. M. Dennis Graham (Kathy Weicker)  
married in sanctuary, August 24.



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All CYFers who plan to go on the Planning Retreat this week end MUST call Mrs. Bixenman as soon as you receive this issue of TIDINGS. Be at the church at 8:00 a.m. Saturday. Bring a sack lunch for Saturday noon; silverware for yourself, and any game equipment, and \$2.00 to cover cost of camp site and other meals. DO NOT BRING excess luggage! Bring any camping equipment you may have and musical instruments you may wish to use around the camp fire. We will return by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

In order to help finance their trip to the historical sites of our Brotherhood in Kentucky Sept. 21 & 22, our youth will have a car wash in the parking lot all day Saturday, Sept. 14. We will appreciate your patronage! CYFers and Chi Rho's please save the week-end of Sept. 21 & 22 for the trip to historic Brotherhood points of interest.

Addresses of students who are leaving for college, business or other vocational schools are needed in the church office. The students, or their parents, are asked to notify the church of their enrollment. "Tidings" will be mailed to those out of town.

LILLIAN SCOTT DAY will be on Sunday Sept. 15, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Church members and friends of Mrs. Scott are invited.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. John Weicker, married on Aug 31; they will live in Germany, where John has another year of military service.

The Church Board will meet Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 8 P.M. Members are urged to be present. Elders will meet at 7:30. Committees are asked to schedule meetings.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR - September 8, 1968

9:15 Church School  
10:30 Morning Worship  
(A Nursery is provided for children and  
infants through age 3.)

CHOIR REHEARSAL, Thursdays, 7:30.

10:30 A.M. Services broadcast over WGL  
during September.

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September 1, 1968

Church Attendance	225
Church School Attendance	147
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1065.89
Church School Offering	50.56
Building Fund	4.00
U.C.F.A.	1.40
	<u>\$ 1121.85</u>

### CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .

Amount due to Lincoln Bank and to the  
Memorial Trust Fund .. \$ 16,027.58

### AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, September 8

ELDERS: Bert Leversee, Herman Weber

Alternates: W. C. Birkhold, Myron Cole

DEACONS: Captain, Edwin R. Allen.

Robert Hendricks, Richard Burkett,

John Hechler, Donald Miller, Robert

Ogles, A. E. Huddleston, Norman

Strayer, Orie McDougale.

Alternates:

Paul Yentes, Max Finkhousen

DEACONESSES - September 8, 15, 22

Mrs. Rufus Quinn, Mrs. Helen Clymore

GREETERS: '58 Class.

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### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Guild will meet with  
Miss Mildred Hutchinson, 301 E. Flem-  
ing. Monday, September 9, at 8:00.

Program, Miss Mildred Hartman, Wor-  
ship, Miss Mildred Hutchinson.

The Montgomery Group will meet with  
Mrs. James Knight, 4709 Beaver Ave.,  
Tuesday, September 10, at 8 p.m.

Program, Mrs. Max Finkhousen, Wor-  
ship, Mrs. Ben Taylor.

The Spice Group will meet in Church  
Parlor, Wednesday, September 11 at  
9:00 A.M.

The Nelson Group will meet in Church  
Parlor, Wednesday, September 11, at  
8:00 P.M. Program, Mrs. Davenport;  
Worship, Mrs. John Broom.

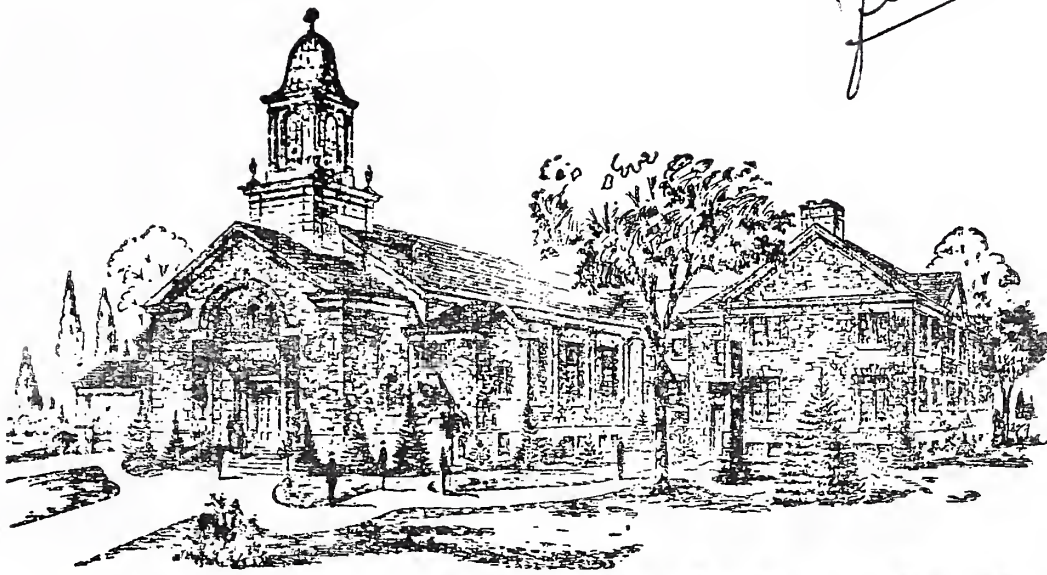
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### PERSONAL MENTION

Our sympathy to relatives of Mrs. F.  
Worrell and Mr. Worrell, who both  
died on August 31.

Mrs. Omer Guingrich is a surgical pa-  
tient at Parkview, room 316.

Rev. and Mrs. Barton Johnson were in  
our worship service this last Sunday.



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**YOUTH CAR WASH** - The Youth will have a car wash this Saturday, September 14 on the Church parking lot from 9:00 to 4:00; the price \$1.00 per car washed. Proceeds will go toward the youth trip to Kentucky to visit historical sites important to our Brotherhood. Your patronage will be appreciated.

**Both Chi Rho and CYF** members are urged to go on the trip to Kentucky, planned for Sept. 22 & 23. We leave the church at 5:00 a.m. on Saturday and return by 6:30 on Sunday. Cost will vary according to the number going, but will not run over \$2.50 per person, plus cost of meals. We will visit Cane Ridge Mission House; Transylvania College, Lexington Theological Seminary. If you plan to go notify Mrs. Bixenman by this Sunday, September 15.

**SCOTT DAY** - Is to honor Mrs. Lillian Scott, our organist for 41 years and recently retired. A Dessert smorgasbord is planned and those attending whose names are from alphabet A - J; are asked to bring cake; those from K - R, pie; and those from S - Z, dessert salads. The reception is from 2:00 to 4:00 Sept. 15.

The **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** will be at Kansas City, Sept. 27-Oct. 2. Delegates from our church - Mrs. Bixenman, Mrs. Vaught, Mr. McGuire. Dr. Ronald Osborn, Indianapolis, is president. The theme, "We Rejoice in God." 25 resolutions (a summary of them was published in Sept. 8, "Christian") plus 31 reports will be acted upon, the most decisive will be the proposal for "Restructure"

**FAMILIES OF STUDENTS** in colleges and universities are requested to notify the church office of their schools and addresses with zip codes.

Sept. 13-15, Christian Men's Fellowship Retreat - Barbee. One retreat for the CWF will be this week-end at Geneva Center. Mrs. Vaught and Miss Woodhull will attend.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 15, 1968

9:15 Church School

10:30 Morning Worship

(A Nursery is provided for children and  
infants through age 3.)

CHOIR REHEARSAL Thursday 7:30

10:30 A.M. Services broadcast over WGL.  
during September.

September 6, 1968

Church Attendance	291
Church School Attendance	197
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1113.90
Church School Offering	65.55
Building Fund	20.00
	<u>\$ 1199.45</u>

CHURCH INDEBTEDNESS - Balance due  
The Memorial Trust Fund \$15,000.00

INTER-FAITH Luncheon, sponsored by The  
Church Women United, will be held at the  
LANTERN 4420 Ardmore Ave. Monday,  
Sept. 30 at 12 noon. Price, \$2.25, Mrs.  
Victor Stech, 456-1945 reservation chrm.

### AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, Sept. 15

ELDERS: Ralph Church, Fred Smell.

Alternates - David Griggs, Glenn Miller.

DEACONS: Captain, Edwin Allen

William Wilson, Wayne Penny, Robert  
Westerfield, Romane Cole, James Hea-  
vin, John Varner, George Davis, Vernon  
Moore.

Alternates - Arthur Mowery, Ralph  
Weesner, E.M. O'Laughlin, J.W. Lehman.

DEACONESSES: September 15, 22.

Mrs. Rufus Quinn, Mrs. Helen Clymore

GREETERS: '53 Class

### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

General CWF meets Tuesday, September  
17 at 8:00 P.M. Program and worship,  
"And What of Our Faith" Fellowship  
Guild; hostesses, Spice Group; Refresh-  
ments served by Dye Group. The meet-  
ing will be held in the Church parlor.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Wendell Rose has been a patient in Rm  
446, Parkview;

Mrs. Fred Grier is in 668 Lutheran Hosp.

Mrs. Charles Wrisk is in room 805 St.

Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Gene Auer is in Parkview, Rm. 338

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. John Arruza  
(Mildred Keebortz) Married Sept. 7, 1968

The September WORKER'S CONFERENCE  
will be for teachers of children in the  
nursery through Chi Rho dept. The date  
has been changed to Sunday, September  
15, at 8:00 A.M. in the office of Dir-  
ector of Christian Education. Topic for  
discussion will be Promotion Day plans  
and procedures.

Christian Leadership School - October 7  
through November 11.

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WHO SHOULD TEACH JOHNNY AND JANEY in the church school? You and I, of course. It is an honor and privilege to be asked to teach - an honor because we feel that you are capable and would make a good teacher or we would not ask you in the first place, and a privilege because it is always a privilege to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and to work with His children. If you are among those asked to assume a teaching post for the coming year, do not say, "Oh, I couldn't do that, I just do not know enough." We are not looking for those who know all the answers; we are looking for those who are willing to learn. If you are asked, we hope that you will have prayerfully considered and be ready to answer, "Yes".

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL - Register today for the Associated Churches Christian Leadership School, to be Monday evenings, October 6 - November 11, at Forest Park Methodist Church. Classes are available for those attending for the first time and for past students.

A BUSINESS MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION will be held after the service of worship this Sunday, Sept. 22, to act on a recommendation of the board that the fiscal year for the church be July 1 through June 30, rather than the calendar year, to coordinate with the brotherhood year; for better stewardship planning; and to conserve time for local program.

The SECRET PLACE for October, November and December is in. Get your copy at the Church.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 22, 1968  
9:15 A.M. - Church School  
10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship  
(A nursery is provided for children and  
infants through age 3.)  
CHOIR REHEARSALS - Thursday 7:30  
EXPANDED services (known as Primary  
and Kindergarten Church ) will begin on  
September 22, at 10:30 A.M.

September 15, 1968

Church Attendance	265
Church School Attendance	175
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1181.15
Church School Offering	46.70
Building Fund	14.00
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	\$ 1241.85

CHURCH INDEBTEDNESS - Balance due  
The Memorial Trust Fund - \$15,000.99

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Robert  
Urich in the death of her father, Sept 15.  
at Lima, Ohio.

### AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving September 22

ELDERS: David Hogg - Alfred Schell  
Alternates - Rufus Quinn, S.E. Merriman  
DEACONS: Captain, Edwin R. Allen -  
Wm. Wilson, Wayne Penny, R.H. Cole,  
Robt. Westerfield, James Heavin, Geo.  
Davis, Vernon Moore.

Alternates: Merle Rice, Leon Johns,  
H.C. Banet, Marvin Crouse.

DEACONESSES: September 22 -

Mrs. Rufus Quinn, Mrs. Helen Clymore.  
GREETERS: '58 Class

### PERSONAL MENTION

Welcome to Church membership: Mr.  
& Mrs. Don L. Parlette, daughters, Doris  
and Margo, 424 W. Rudisill; Baptism is  
to be arranged for Margo.

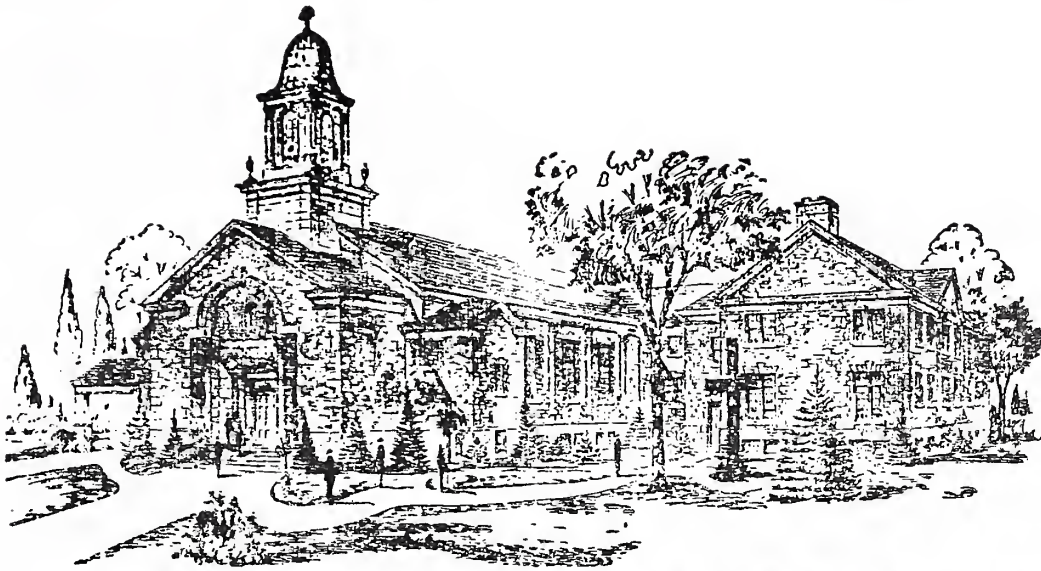
Welcome to Mr. & Mrs. Carl Lazzaro,  
4701 South Wayne Ave., transferred  
from First Christian, South Bend, Sept.  
15.

Good wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Wayne C.  
Koehlinger, married on September 14.  
Barry Nordblom has entered the Air  
Force, is stationed at Lackland, AFB.

Expanded Sessions, during Morning Wor-  
ship, will begin Sunday, Sept. 22, in  
Kindergarten and Primary departments.  
These sessions are for children 4 years  
old through third grade. Mrs. Donald  
Davenport, Chrmn. Primary Section;  
Mrs. Ted Bryan, chr. Kindergarten.

Those going on the Kentucky trip - be  
at the church at 5:00 A.M. Saturday,  
Sept. 21. BE ON TIME. Bring a sack  
lunch, sleeping bag or bed roll, cloth-  
ing for church on Sunday, towel, wash  
cloth, soap and necessary money.

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THE CYF DISTRICT 1 FALL RETREAT will be at Barbee Camp Saturday and Sunday Oct. 5 & 6, beginning at 1:00 P.M. Saturday, ending Sunday afternoon. Theme: The Urban Crisis. Our group is responsible for the opening worship. BE SURE to register and pay your free of \$4.00 this Sunday to Ross Nierman, Greg Allen or Muriel Crouse. CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL Those wishing to attend this school sponsored by the Associated Churches, on Mondays October 7 - November 11, who have not yet registered, please mail it direct to Associated Churches, 6430 U.S. 24, West, marking your registration 'charge to the church'. Sessions will be 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Forest Park Methodist Church, 2100 Kentucky Ave. You can pick up a blank from Mrs. Bixenman's desk. All registrations must be in by October 1.

INTER-FAITH LUNCHEON for Fort Wayne women will be at 12 Noon, Monday, Sept. 30, at the Lantern, Ardmore Rd. Program: a panel of 3 women of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths. Luncheon \$2.25 by reservation.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, Kansas City, Sept 27-Oct. 2. Mr. McGuire will serve on recommendations committee; he, Mrs. Bixenman and Mrs. Vaught will return Oct. 3. The church office will be closed during those days.

THE CHURCH FISCAL YEAR was changed from January-December to July-June by congregation action last Sunday, to accommodate better church program and coordination. The year becomes effective July 1, 1969, and calls for existing terms of office for Board members and the present operating budget to be extended six months longer.

MEN OF THE CHURCH will lead the worship service this Sunday, Sept. 29. Hugh Rice will speak. Earl Plummer, chr. Arrangements by Worship Committee.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 29, 1968  
9:15 A.M. - Church School  
10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship  
(A Nursery is provided for children and  
infants through age 3)  
CHOIR REHEARSALS - Thursday 7:30  
EXPANDED Services for Kindergarten and  
Primary, Sundays at 10:30 A.M.

September 22, 1968

Church Attendance	273
Church School Attendance	189
Regular Offering (Church)	\$ 1393.50
Church School Offering	59.03
	<u>\$1452.53</u>

CHURCH INDEBTEDNESS - Balance due  
The Memorial Trust Fund - \$15,000.00

CHURCH BOARD will meet October 8,  
first Tuesday after the first Sunday.  
Due to fact the Church Office will be  
closed next week, quarterly financial  
statements will be late in mailing.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving September 29, 1968

ELDERS: John Merrill, Cecil Rice  
Alternates - Harold Crowder, Albert  
Powell.

DEACONS: Captain, George Warren  
Virgil Montgomery, Robert Schubel,  
Stanley Cole, Mark Snyder, W.H. Im-  
body, Wm. Schilling, James Ruble,  
Ted Bryan.

Alternates - Robt. Hendricks, Richard  
Burkett, John Hechler, Donald Miller.

DEACONESSES : Sept. 29; Oct. 6, 13  
Mrs. Edwin Allen, Mrs. M. Finkhausen.  
GREE TERS -Sept. '58 Class.

October Greeters- Progressive Class.

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### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The KEPPLER Group will meet with Mrs.  
Earl Fusselman, 6309 Bluffton Rd., Tues-  
day, October 1, , at 9 A.M. Program,  
Mrs. Herman Weber; Worship, Mrs. K.  
Edwards.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with  
Mrs. Harry Daniels, Tuesday, October  
1, at 1:30 P.M. Program, Mrs. Wm.  
Love; Worship Mrs. Wm. Caldwell.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs.  
Gretchen Chamberlain, 2906 Capitol  
Wednesday, Oct. 2, at 9 A.M. Pro-  
gram, Mrs. Henry Schryver, Worship,  
Mrs. Hugh Rice.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs.  
Wm. Crouse, 6502 S. Calhoun, Wed-  
nesday, Oct. 2, at 1:30 P.M. Mrs.  
Thos. Wunderlich, program; Worship,  
Mrs. Dennis Andrew.

The HIGDON Group will meet with  
Mrs. Helen Clymore, 5210 Buell, Thurs-  
day, Oct. 3, at 7:45 P.M. Program,  
Mrs. Ralph Church; Worship Mrs. Cline.

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DISTRICT 1 Convention, will be at  
Elkhart, October 20.



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Fort Wayne, Indiana,

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, IS PROMOTION DAY in our Church School. Those who are now in the Junior or Chi Rho departments are to go directly to their new classrooms. Your teachers will be on hand to help you locate your new room. Boys and girls in the Nursery through the Primary are to go to their regular departments, where they will then be taken to their new classrooms. Every family is asked to make a special effort to have their children here as this is an important day in the life of each Church School pupil.

The CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP will have a 'blast off' social meeting in Fellowship Hall this Sunday, October 6, from 5:00 - 6:30 P.M. There will be fun, fellowship and refreshments for everyone. This group is for youth in 7th, 8th, & 9th grades. If you have friends who do not go to such a group in their own church, please feel free to bring them to ours. Important plans for the year will be told at this meeting. SOMETHING NEW- JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME - This year we have a new evening group at First Christian Church - Adventure Time for Juniors in 5th & 6th grades! The first meeting will be this Sunday, Oct. 6. Sponsors will be Mrs. Hendricks Love, Nathan Love, and Mrs. Robt. Hendricks. You will receive full details of plans for this meeting through the mail from Mrs. Love. Be watching and plan to attend!

DISTRICT ONE CONVENTION, Christian Churches, will be at Elkhart, Sunday, Oct. 20, at 2:00 P.M. Evangelism will be a program concern, with Walter Cardwell of the National Evangelism staff, speaking. The theme: "Victory Through Faith". The convention is open to all who will attend. Supper reservations are required. Please notify the church office by October 15, if you plan to attend.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 6, 1968

9:15 A.M. - Church School

10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship

(A Nursery is provided for children and  
infants through age 3)

CHOIR REHEARSALS - Thursday 7:30

EXPANDED services for Kindergarten and  
Primary, Sundays at 10:30 A.M.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Jeffrey Bryan was in St. Joseph's hospital  
for an appendectomy, September 22.

Mrs. John Phillips has been a patient in  
St. Joseph's hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly were in Church  
Sunday, September 22, after several  
weeks' absence due to illness.

Mrs. Wayne Koehlinger, St. Joseph's  
Hospital, room 207.

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THE RADIO MINISTRY is of value to  
the church, and to those who listen. WGL  
provided public service time during Sep-  
tember; The church was charged only for

### AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers serving October 6, 1968

ELDERS: Herman Weber, K. L. Edwards

Alternates - Wm. Crouse, Earl Plummer.

DEACONS: Captain, George Warren

Virgil Montgomery, Robt. Schubel, Stan-

ley Cole, Mark Snyder, W. H. Imbody,

Wm. Schilling, James Ruble, Ted. Bryan.

Alternates - Robt. Ogles, A. E. Huddles-

ton, Norman Strayer, Orle McDougale.

DEACONESSES: October 6, 13

Mrs. E. R. Allen, Mrs. M. Finkhousen

GREETERS: Progressive Class for Oct.

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### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet  
with Mrs. Charles Eckert, 8619 Decatur  
Rd. Tuesday, October 8, at 8 P.M. Pro-  
gram, Mrs. Kenneth Hunt; Worship, Mrs.  
Paul Yentes.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs.  
Charles Hunt, 1721 Shamrock Rd. Wed-  
nesday, October 9, at 8 P.M. Program  
Mrs. H. W. Crowder; Worship, Mrs. R.  
N. Hendricks.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with  
Mrs. Wm. Conrad, 1301 Lynn Ave. Mon-  
day Oct. 14, at 8 P.M. Program, Miss  
Pearl Heidecker; Worship, Miss Verna  
Sullivan.

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### OPERATION PLAYGROUND - Our

Woodhaven Christian Home can secure  
toys from Creative Playthings, Inc, with  
Maxwell House Instant Coffee inner-  
seals (except 2 oz. jars) . Please save  
your innerseals and bring them to the  
church office before December 1; Offer  
ends December 31.

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expenses for lines and engineer's services.  
Jack Weicker was the narrator for listen-  
ers during period when communion was  
served.



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK will be climaxed next Sunday, Oct. 13, in a service of appreciation for teachers, youth leaders, education committee members and other workers in the church's program of Christian growth and guidance. All of these persons are urged to be in the service of worship at 10:30 on Sunday, to be recognized by the church, and for emphasis on the importance of learning.

DISTRICT 1 CONVENTION of Christian Churches will concentrate on evangelism at Elkhart, Sunday, Oct. 20, at 2:00. Walter Cardwell of evangelism department of Christian Churches will speak, and discussion groups will share ideas. All members of the church are included in the convention, to end at 7:00. Supper reservations may be made in the church office.

CHI RHO HAYRIDE and weiner roast will be at Myers Farm on Saturday, Oct. 12. we will meet at the church at 6:30 and return by 9:30 p.m. Wear warm clothing and bring \$1.00 to cover cost of hayride and food.

CWF trip to Emily Flinn Home, Marion, Tuesday, Oct. 15. Leaving church at 12 Noon. Worship Dept. in charge of program, Mrs. H. G. Helmuth, director. Please bring your gifts of money, canned goods, etc, to the church, by the 15th.

CWF will meet jointly with North Christian CWF at West Creighton Church, Tuesday Oct. 15, at 8 P.M. West Creighton CWF are hostesses. Program "Panel of American Women" All women from our church are invited to attend this meeting.

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME - This group will meet promptly at 5:00 in Junior 4th grade room. Bring old magazines from home. Parents are asked to come at 5:00 to meet with the sponsors.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1968

9:15 A.M. - Church School

10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship

(A Nursery is provided for children and  
infants through age 3)

CHOIR REHEARSALS -

Sanctuary Choir . . . . . -Thursday 7:30

Youth Choir - Sundays at 5 P.M.

EXPANDED services for Kindergarten and  
Primary, Sundays at 10:30.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Kenneth Edwards in Lutheran #327

Mrs. Gail Roe, Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. C.R. McMaken, St. Joseph's Hospital

Mrs. Lee Fisher was in Parkview for a few  
days. Barbara Taylor suffered a broken  
arm recently.

Sympathy is offered to Herbert Banet in the  
death of his father on Sept. 29.

Bruce Lehman is entering military service  
this week.

Mr. McGuire will lead worship at Emily  
Flinn home, Marion, Sunday Afternoon.

### AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers serving October 13, 1968

ELDERS: Robert Rayl - Cecil Rice

Alternates - Andrew Cook, Bert Leversee

DEACONS: Captain, Thomas Frappier

Frank Moody, Paul Truby, Roy Timbrook

Paul Yentes, Max Finkhousen.

Alternates - Virgil Montgomery, Robt.

Schubel, Stanley Cole, Mark Snyder.

DEACONESES: October 13

Mrs. E. R. Allen, Mrs. Max Finkhousen.

GREETERS - Progressive Class.

CWF - Next-To-New RUMMAGE . . .

Items brought on hangers should be taken  
to second floor of educational wing and  
hung on wall rack in hallway. Other  
items should be taken to second floor of  
Office wing and deposited in hallway at  
head of stairs. Deadline - October 31st  
Remember! The better the merchandise  
the better the price.

THE HIGDON Group will have a Tupper-  
ware party, Wednesday, October 23, at  
8 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Every one  
is invited to attend.

October 6, 1968

Church attendance 254

Church School attendance 203

Regular Church Offering \$ 1147.95

Building Fund 6.00

Church School Offering 69.45

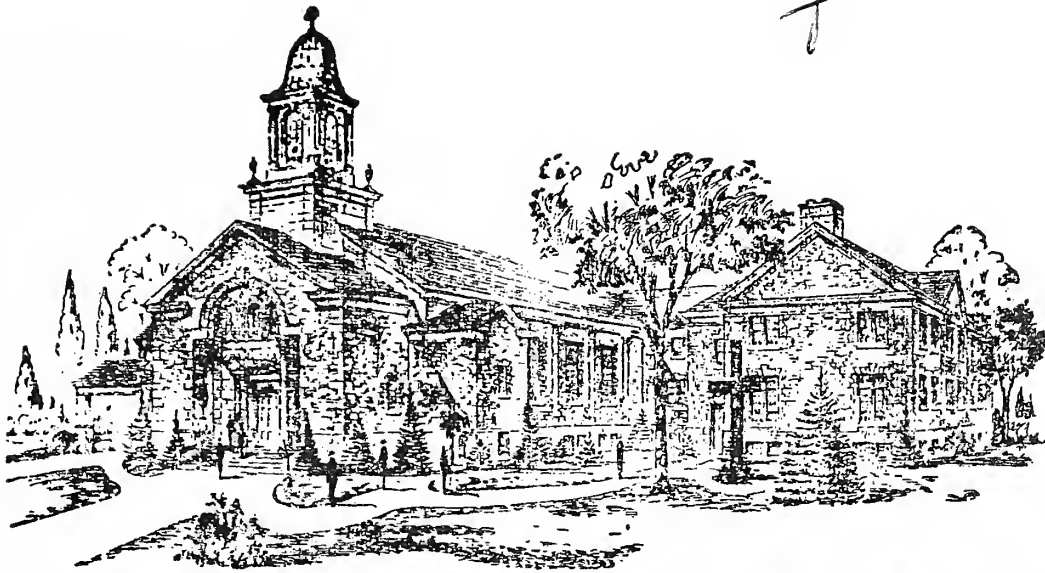
\$ 1223.40

Church Mortgage Balance \$13,800.00

FINANCIAL statements of member ac-  
counts will be late in mailing - they  
will cover payments made in the quar-  
ter beginning July 1 and ending Sept. 30.

YOUTH EVENTS: Choral group for Chi  
Rho and CYF will start this Sunday at 5;  
regular youth meetings will follow. En-  
tire evening from 5 to 6:30 P.M.

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A DISTRICT CONVENTION OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES should be of importance to all members of each congregation, because of mutual concerns in which we are involved. There are those areas of church work that can be fulfilled cooperatively better than separately. The program at the 1968 convention at Central Church Elkhart this Sunday, Oct. 20, will concentrate on "Evangelism"; two resource persons will give direction: Walter Cardwell of the national staff, and Russell Deitch former staff member and new minister at South Bend. Ralph Church will serve as leader of one discussion group. Mrs. Owen Vaught has been a member of the program-planning committee. There will be a special section for young people. The convention begins at 2:00 and should close at 7:00.

THE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL an inter-church project, has had two of six sessions at Forest Park Methodist Church. Those enrolled from our church are: Mrs. Clair Buskirk, Mr. Mrs. Ralph Church, Mrs. Robt. Hendricks, Mr. Mrs. Hendricks Love, Mr. McGuire, Mrs. Ross Nierman, John Thompson, Mrs. Vaught, and Mrs. Bixenman who is teaching workers with 3rd and 4th graders.

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME Our Juniors have made red and white bows for all visitors at worship services to wear. These were made during Sunday evening adventure time as a service to the church, and in an effort to make First Christian truly "The Friendly Church". All youth in 5th & 6th grades are urged to come at 5:00 to 6:30 Sunday evenings and join this fine new group.

The YOUTH CHOIR will rehearse from 5:00-5:30 Sunday evening, followed by the Chi Rho Meeting.

THE SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR has been resumed. Mrs. Plummer, chr. in charge.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1968

9:15 A.M. - Church School

10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship

(A nursery is provided for children and  
infants through age 3)

CHOIR REHEARSALS -

Sanctuary Choir - Thursday 7:30

Youth Choir - Sundays at 5 P.M.

CYF - Sunday 5:00 P.M.

Chi Rho - Sunday 5:00 P.M.

Junior Adventure Time - 5 P.M. Sunday

Primary and Kindergarten EXPANDED ser-  
vices, Sundays 10:30 A.M.

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Tupperware party, Wednesday, Oct. 23,  
8 p.m. in Church Parlor, sponsored by the  
HIGDON GROUP. Everyone is invited.

MONTGOMERY Group are selling Person-  
alized recipe cards, 50 for \$1.00. Dead-  
line for orders Nov. 11. They will be ready  
by Christmas. Call Deanna Ruble, 747-  
3563.

CYF will not meet this Sunday.

### AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers serving October 20, 1968

ELDERS: John Thompson, Walter Birk-  
hold; Alternates - Alfred Schell, John  
Merrill.

DEACONS: Captain, Thomas Frappier.  
Frank M. Moody, Paul Truby, Roy Tim-  
brook, Paul Yentes, Max Finkhausen.  
Alternates - W. Harry Imbody, Ted. Bryan,  
James Ruble, Wm. Schilling.

DEACONESSSES: Oct. 20, 27; Nov. 3.

Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mrs. H. G. Helmuth.

Greeters - Oct. Progressive Class

November Greeters - Berean Class

October 13, 1968

Church Attendance 292

Church School Attendance 230

Regular Church offering \$ 1444.36

Church School Offering 72.66

\$ 1517.02

Church Mortgage Balance \$13,800.00

### PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy is extended to the family of  
Mrs. Dessie Stauffer, mother of Mrs.  
Beulah Hill, who died Oct. 12.

Mr. Frank Moody is in Lutheran #335

Miss Gloria Phillips is in St. Joseph's, 221

A SERVICE OF BAPTISM will be conduc-  
ted for Margo Parlette following worship  
Sunday, Oct. 20. Any others who intend  
to be baptized soon are invited to parti-  
cipate in this service.

JUNIOR DEACONS will serve each se-  
cond Sunday of the month. Steve Bruck-  
man is their chairman, who serve under  
direction of Ted Bryan, Chr. Deacons.  
Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Fitch and one son  
were in church last Sunday with his sis-  
ter, Miss Anita Fitch.

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME - "You are  
missing a really good time if you do not  
come. Come early so we can work on  
scrapbooks.



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## "BETWEEN THE GENERATIONS - GAP OR RELATIONSHIP?"

This is the theme our young people have chosen for Youth Week, which begins this Sunday, October 27, and concludes the following Sunday.

Unlike some special observances which primarily laud and honor persons with praise and recognition, Youth Week erects no pedestals nor do the young people place themselves on one. Rather, Christian youth give expression to the "young church in action" and out of their learning, sharing and understanding, make a responsible witness.

This Sunday when several of our young people assume roles of leadership for our service of worship, they are not "playing church" nor "practicing for tomorrow!" They will be giving voice to their concerns and hopes, and speaking out of their own faith now. They may raise some leading questions; they may challenge the rest of the church. The message will be presented in a unique manner, to probe what is "between the generations - gap or relationship?"

An outstanding guest will preach for the second Sunday of Youth Week, November 3: Prof. Jack Sherley, who teaches counselling at Lexington Theological Seminary and is much in demand by church and schools groups. He also confronts one of the large problems of our society, as chaplain at the U.S. Hospital at Lexington for narcotic addicts. He will be heard in our service of worship that morning, and again in the afternoon. YOUTH WEEK is conducted annually, but the time of observance has been changed to autumn rather than late January, to be of more value to the church and its youth program.

## CHILDREN TO "TRICK OR TREAT FOR

### UNICEF"

Our children in the Kindergarten through the fourth grade (ages 4-9) are asked to come to the church this Sunday evening, October 27, at 5:30 PM. They may come in Halloween costume if they wish. CYF youth will be on hand to take them out into an area near the church to "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF. This program in Fort Wayne is sponsored by the Associated Churches. Funds collected will, of course, go to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, which provides milk and food for needy children in all parts of the world. Countries receiving UNICEF funds, however, must match each \$1.00 given them with \$2.50 themselves, so UNICEF funds grow as they travel. Our children will remain out "Trick or Treating" for 1 hour, then will return to the church for a Halloween party given for them by our high school youth. Parents are asked to bring their children at 5:30 and to pick them up again at 8:00.

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CHI RHO will go to the home of Mrs. Clair Buskirk to see a film on Catholicism in preparation for our visit next week to the Catholic Cathedral and for a simple cookout. Please bring 10¢ to cover cost of pop. We will return to the church for your parents to pick you up at 6:30 as usual.

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YOUTH CHOIR will rehearse this Sunday evening at 5:00 as usual. Choir has been arranged so that youth may come to rehearsal from 5 to 5:30 and remain for regular youth meetings each Sunday without the need for extra trips to the church. Those who have not already joined the choir are urged to come this Sunday.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Those in hospitals this week are:

Mrs. Gail Roe is still a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Kenneth Edwards was allowed to go home last Friday.

Frank Moody is still at Lutheran Hosp.

Mrs. Wayne Koehlinger is still in St. Joe. .

Mr. Richardson Baker, is in 630 Lutheran hospital.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Merle R. Grimm, 1320 W. Sherwood Terrace, into our church family. They come from the Faith United Protestant Church at Park Forest, Illinois.

Margo Parlette, having made her confession on September 8, was baptized last Sunday morning following the service of worship.

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### UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Union Services will be held at Thanksgiving time in eleven areas of the city. The Special Services Department of the Associated Churches has divided the city and environs into these areas for Thanksgiving services; Good Friday services; and other activities of a local nature. Each area has a permanent chairman. The chairman for the area in which First Christian is located is Rev. Olden Mitchell, minister of the Lincolnshire Church of The Brethren. Thanksgiving services will be held in this church this year.

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SEVENTY CHURCHES are cooperating in the collection for UNICEF at Halloween this year. YOUNG PEOPLE from the churches will call at the homes of nearly the entire city. Each child will carry an orange and black box with the picture of a mother and child. **DO NOT GIVE** to anyone not having proper identification!

## DISTRICT CONVENTION

25 persons from our church attended the informative and helpful Convention of Christian Churches in district 1 held at Elkhart last Sunday. Opportunities, needs and methods of evangelism were presented in messages and discussion groups one group being led by Ralph Church. Mrs. Owen Vaught was elected secretary of the district for this year; Rev. Alec Langford, of West Creighton Church was named president, and Rev. James Kendall of Auburn, vice-president. Mrs. Bixenman was named chairman of adult services to local churches. Those attending from First Church were: Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Aker, Ralph Church, Marvin Crouse, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hendricks, Franklin McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morrical, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smell, Mark Snyder, Mrs. Owen Vaught, Miss Fay Woodhull, and attending the youth section were: Greg Allen, Steve Bruckman, Muriel Crouse, Jody Eckert, Barbara Hendricks, Rick Hendricks, Nancy Lambick, Barbara Love, Melanie McGuire, Nancy Skelton, and Cindy Yentes.

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## STEWARDSHIP ACTION INSTITUTE

The following persons are asked to reserve six hours on Sunday November 10, for a Stewardship Action Institute to be held in our church from 2:30 until 8:30: all members of the board, finance officers and committee members, outreach committee, and others in organizations involved in this phase of church life. The institute will be conducted by P.E. Franz, who has had much success in stewardship guidance and is serving on the staff of Indiana Christian Churches this year. This will be a district meeting and will include a supper arranged by our CWF. Reservations will be needed.

## CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK

The last Sunday in October annually begins "Christian Literature Week", to draw attention to the invaluable resources available to persons in the church home, libraries, schools, or whatever places provide wholesome, constructive reading. Foremost is the Bible, in its several versions and with its companion helps to understanding. Our church provides the 12-volume "Interpreter's Bible" and 4-volume "dictionary" for use by any person. Many other books are in the church library, which is mostly supported by the CWF; Mrs. Dennis Andrew is librarian. Church school literature is provided for use, as well as the weekly "Christian" and monthly "World Call" being mailed to homes. Our church is near the top among those in the Every Home Plan of subscriptions to "World Call"; this magazine is in its 50th year of publication.

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## CHURCH SCHOOL

October 20, 1963

Class	Att.	Off.
Friendly	12	2.35
Progressive	25	12.00
Come Double	19	7.75
Berean	9	5.25
'58		9.25
Pairs & Spares	9	5.50
High School	17	3.92
Junior High	21	3.30
Junior Dept	23	7.50
Primary Dept	19	4.75
Kindergarten	11	.95
Nursery (2-4)	8	.37
Babes & Toddlers	5	.50
Totals	173	\$ 63.89

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the Associated Churches has gone on record as opposed to gambling and has called upon churches to urge all Christian people to vote "NO" to legalizing gambling in our state.

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10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship

(A Nursery is provided for children and  
infants through age 3)

CHOIR REHEARSALS -

Sanctuary Choir - Thursday 7:30

Youth Choir - Sundays at 5 P.M.

CYF - Sunday 5:00

Chi Rho - Sunday 5:00

Junior Adventure Time - Sunday, 5:00

Primary and Kindergarten EXPANDED ser-  
vices, Sundays at 10:30.

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Montgomery Group are selling Personal-  
ized recipe cards, 50 for \$1.00. Orders  
should be in by November 11 for delivery  
by Christmas. Call Deanna Ruble, 747-  
3563.

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A thankful spirit is like sunshine upon  
the fields.

October 20, 1968

Church Attendance	297
Church School Attendance	178
Regular Church Offering	1747.26
Church School Offering	63.89
Building Fund	12.00
Thanksgiving	10.00
	<u>\$ 1833.15</u>

Church Mortgage Balance \$13,800.00

### AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Youth serving October 27, 1968

Junior Elders - Greg Allen

Jeff Olson

DEACONS - Steve Bruckman, Captain

Bob Finkhousen, Bruce Finkhousen

Nick Church Barbara Hendricks

Cindy Yentes Barbara Love

Jody Eckert

Alternates:

Jim Duncan Don Crouse

Glenn Hunt Janice Eckert

Janet Eckert

DEACONESSES - October 27; Nov. 3.

Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mrs. H. G. Helmuth

GREETERS: Alternates:

Patty Wetzel Cindy Hunt

Pam Meadows Kathy Bryan

Julie Crouse Carolyn Hendricks

Debbie Allen

Linda Yentes

Margo Parlette

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PAPER DRIVE - Chi Rho Fellowship  
is sponsoring a paper drive. Please  
bring your newspaper tied or in grocery  
sacks and place them in the box near  
the drinking fountain in Fellowship Hall.  
Thank you.

JUNIOR ADVENTINE TIME - 5 pm Sun-  
day. Come dressed for recreation.



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"AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## JACK M. SHERLEY TO SPEAK NOVEMBER 3.

On November 3, the second Sunday of Youth Week, the Rev. Jack M. Sherley, Professor of Pastoral Counseling at Lexington Theological Seminary and Chaplain at the U.S. Narcotics Hospital at Lexington, will be our guest speaker at the Service of Worship. His sermon title will be, "Come, Follow Me". Mr. Sherley is much sought as speaker and counselor of youth and parents. We are fortunate to have him, not only to bring the sermon, but also to meet with our youth and their parents at 3:30 Sunday afternoon. At the afternoon session Mr. Sherley will have as his subject, "Between the Generations: Gap or Relationship". Both youth and parents will have opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Sherley. As an added feature, on this last Sunday of Youth Week, our high school youth invite you to attend the coffee hour following the Worship Service which they are having in their newly-decorated room in the educational wing just off Fellowship Hall. You will have the double privilege of seeing work the youth have done on their room and greeting Professor Sherley personally. We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to hear so fine a speaker Sunday morning and for all parents and youth to come again for the informal session Sunday afternoon.

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THE CHURCH BOARD will NOT meet Tuesday, November 5, but will meet on Sunday, November 10, in connection with the Stewardship, Action Institute at 2:30 until 8:30. Members need to notify the office that they will or will not be present for the supper during the meeting. (See other information on the Institute on page 2.)

## STEWARDSHIP ACTION INSTITUTE

Church finances, Christian stewardship, motivation to giving - these are some topics during the Stewardship Action Institute to be held in our church on Sunday, November 10, from 2:30 until 8:30, by P.E. Franz, staff member of Indiana Christian Churches. Those expected to attend are members of the board, members of the stewardship and outreach committees, and other leaders. Mr. Franz has had long experience and success in stewardship direction, and has visited Fort Wayne churches. Rev. Ervin of North Christian said of Mr. Franz: "he is forthright, witty, and interesting to listen to," and of the Institute: "it was one of the most informative, inspiring, and challenging things I've done in a long time." Especially in view of our change of the church year, plus needs and opportunities before the church, this institute will be of importance to us. This Sunday meeting will take the place of the November board meeting. The CWF will serve the evening meal, for which reservations must be made, and costs covered by an offering. All persons planning to attend are asked to notify the office. (744-3239)

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Chi Rho members will meet on the church lot this Sunday, November 3, immediately after choir rehearsal, when we will leave to go to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1122 S. Calhoun, where a priest there will show them through the Cathedral, tell them something of the Catholic faith, and answer questions. They will return to our church immediately after 7:00 PM.

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You have until November 11 to order your personalized recipe cards from Montgomery Group .

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Herman Weber, 8128 Corto Calle Dr., Hacienda, Tuesday, November 5, at 9 A.M. Program by Mrs. A. Shockney, Worship by Mrs. Earl Fusselman.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, 3521 Robinwood Tuesday, November 5, at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Wm. Love; Worship by Mrs. Caldwell.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Rolland Ripple, 3405 Central Dr. on Wednesday, November 6, at 9 A.M. Program by Mrs. Hugh Rice, Worship by Mrs. Hendricks Love.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Cecil Beck, 5872 Meadowbrook Dr. Wednesday, November 6 at 1:30 P.M. Program, Mrs. Dennis Andrew; Worship, Mrs. Wm. Crouse.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Irene Cline, 129 E. Lexington, Thursday, November 7, at 7:45 P.M. Program by Mrs. John Martin; Worship by Mrs. Robert Clipp.

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NOVEMBER 3 - the last day 'Next-to-New' rummage may be brought to the church. Check those closets! Be sure you have brought ALL you can!

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UNICEF collection by children from our church on October 27 amounted to \$51.50.

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Mrs. Charles Dilts brought an exhibit of books from her own library to begin Christian Literature Week last Sunday in our church, and to lend to readers. She will have them in Fellowship Hall again this week. Use the church library, too!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION: Every person attending worship services in our sanctuary will be asked to sign his/her name each Sunday on an attendance register located in each pew, according to a plan developed by the evangelism committee and in cooperation with the membership committee and board. Tablets, with lines for name, address and other pertinent information, will be in a hymnal rack of each pew; at a designated time in the service, each person in that row may sign and pass on the tablet to his neighbor. After all on the row have signed, it is returned to the hymnal-rack, giving opportunity for worshippers to identify all those sitting with him - especially visitors, that they may be welcomed warmly. This plan of registration will be useful in many ways; to secure names of persons attending the first time as possible prospects; out-of-town visitors, or from other churches; to identify our own members to one another; to determine consistency of attendance or notable absenteeism; and to provide a regular means for securing helpful information. Registration sheets for each Sunday will be taken from the tablets by appointed persons after services. Cooperation of all worshippers is needed.

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COFFEE SEALS FOR WOODHAVEN ... Don't forget to bring the inner seals from your Maxwell House instant coffee to the church office. These seals (except those from 2oz. jars) will be sent to Woodhaven School for Retarded Children operated by the Disciples of Christ churches at Columbia, Missouri. The administration at Woodhaven has made an arrangement with the Maxwell House company and Creative Playthings Inc., to get playground equipment, with these seals.

## VOTE CONSCIENTIOUSLY!

A critical election confronts responsible citizens who have not only the privilege but the duty of voting next Tuesday, November 5. Beyond the persuasiveness of campaigns, there is the possibility of becoming informed on both persons and issues, so to arrive at deliberate decisions for conscientious voting in this election of national, state and local importance. Another question faces Indiana voters: "shall pari-mutuel betting be permitted in this state?" The error of its motives, the problems it creates will surely urge Christian citizens to vote "no" on this referendum. Material on this, including a source-book of information on pari-mutuel gambling, and on other issues and candidates is posted on a bulletin-board in Fellowship Hall. A voting machine and sample ballot are on exhibit on the first floor of the court house. Our church is used as a voting place for one precinct.

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## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

October 27, 1968

Class:	Att.	Off.
Friendly	11	2.50
Progressive	28	14.40
Come Double	19	8.75
Berean	9	1.50
'58	17	10.75
Pairs & Spares	7	3.75
High School	16	3.25
Junior High	21	2.24
Juniors	21	6.00
Primary	15	3.07
Kindergarten	11	1.55
Nursery 2-4	8	.79
Babes & Toddlers	7	.45
	190	\$ 58.99

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Chi Rho PAPER DRIVE is still going. Bring your newspapers, tied or in sacks and place in Fellowship Hall.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1968

9:15 A.M. - Church School  
10:30 A.M. - Service of Worship  
(Nursery is provided for children through  
age 3.)

Primary and Kindergarten expanded ses-  
sion at 10:30.

3:30 - CYF meeting, with parents to  
hear Prof. Jack Sherley.

5:00 - Youth Choir

5:00 - Junior Adventure Time

5:30 - Chi Rho meeting

6:30 - City-wide Youth Meet at Plymouth  
Congregational Church.

Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Thursday, 7:30

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Junior Adventure Time - Come PROMPTLY  
at 5:00, to work on scrapbooks. Bring one  
or two 45 rpm records and a pair of men's  
hose to be used later on.

October 27, 1968

Church Attendance	275
Church School Attendance	181
Regular Church Offering	\$ 777.90
Church School Offering	58.99
Building Fund	2.00
	<u>\$ 838.89</u>

Church Mortgage Balance \$12,600.00

### AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers serving November 3, 1968

#### ELDERS:

Glenn R. Miller, Rufus Quinn  
Alternates - Herman Weber, R. Church

DEACONS: Captain, Thomas Frappier

Arthur Mowery Merle D. Rice

E. M. O'Laughlin Leon H. Johns

Ralph Weesner Herbert C. Banet

James Lehman Marvin L. Crouse

Alternates: James Heavin, John Varner  
George Davis, Vernon Moore

DEACONESSES - November 3

Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mrs. H. G. Helmuth

GREETERS - Berean Class

CYF. Don't forget to come at 3:30, and to bring your parents, to hear Mr. Jack Sherley speak informally and answer your questions on the topic, "Between the Generations: Gap or Relationship". This meeting will be from 3:30 to 5:00 and will be followed immediately by the youth choir rehearsal. Following choir we will go to the Plymouth Congregational Church, 501 W. Berry, to the city-wide interdenominational Youth Week Meeting. This will feature the "Sing Out Fort Wayne" singers, of which our own Greg Allen is a member. The program is reported to be one you can't afford to miss.

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"THEY DEVOTED THEMSELVES ...."

- HOW ABOUT US?"

A feature of the beginnings of the Church was that those believers gathered for learning and understanding, to share fellowship, to eat common meals, and to worship together. They were devoted to these opportunities. (Acts 2: 42)

Is it possible, even probable, that we look for reasons to avoid these aspects of church life, and sometimes we make excuses? Admittedly there are legitimate circumstances that prohibit participation in some activities. Some may forget to respond by the dead-line; some just never get around to it; some say nothing but their silence is intended to convey, "we choose not to be involved;" only rarely is there one who says honestly, "I simply don't want to this time!"

What the church needs is more people who are devoted sufficiently to something to say "yea" or "nay".

Case in point is the Stewardship Action Institute this Sunday afternoon, from 2:30 until 8:30. Perhaps that is a long time on a Sunday - but it includes supper! and it IS the Lord's Day! and it should interest all Christians! However, 5 days before the Institute only a few have said "We can't be there" and too few have said "yes" of our 85 board members, much less of our few-hundred other members, or those of all our Christian Churches in this district. It's too late to make reservations for the 5:30 meal, but members can come to the meeting - for learning, for fellowship and for worship under the leadership of Pete E. Franz. How big is your measure of devotion?

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Monthly Group Meetings

FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Miss Pearl Heidecker, 4001 Indiana Monday, November 11, at 8:00 P.M. Program Miss Verna Sullivan; Worship Mrs. O. R. Kuhlman.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet at the Church, Tuesday, November 12, at 8:00 P.M. Program, Mrs. Paul Yentes Worship, Mrs. James Knight. Following the program the group will make angels. Any women of the church wishing to attend is invited.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Donald Davenport, 4328 Hessen Cassel Rd, Wednesday, November 13 at 8 P.M. Program, Mrs. Miriam Bixenman; Worship, Mrs. Davenport.

The KEPPLER Group are again selling light fruit cakes from the Claxton Bakery at \$1.10 each.

You have until November 11 to order personalized recipe cards from the Montgomery Group.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Our sincere congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Imbody on their 50th wedding anniversary, November 8.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Sarah Likens on the death of her sister last week.

Mrs. Maida Teeters is a patient in room 352, St. Joseph's Hospital.

John H. Barbre was a visitor on Sunday. He and Myra are now making their home in Bellevue, Washington.

Mrs. William Love and Mrs. Bixenman were hostesses to the monthly meeting of the education department of Asso-

## CHI RHO

Chi Rho will have a "craft night" this Sunday, November 10, beginning at 5:30 P.M. We will make Christmas gifts to be taken to shut-ins. The meeting will be in the third grade primary room. Youth not attending choir are asked not to come until 5:30 this week, however, and to go to the third grade room without going through Fellowship Hall. This is because of the Stewardship meeting being held there.

### CYF

The CYF Hayride is this Saturday, November 9. Meet here at the church at 5:30 or at Marvin Crouse's, 3351 Eastwood Drive, at 6:00 to go to the Nierman farm (Ross' father's farm). There will be a party at Crouse's following the hayride. There is no charge. Come and bring a friend!

CYF will meet in their own room this Sunday evening at 5:30 for a planning meeting. These high school youth, too, are asked to go to their room without going through Fellowship Hall to avoid the stewardship meeting.

### YOUTH CHOIR

Youth Choir will rehearse as usual from 5:00 to 5:30 P.M. All Junior and Senior High Youth are urged to take advantage of singing in their choir. We are indeed fortunate in having the privilege of working under so fine a director as Mr. Parlette. The youth have the benefit of his training without cost to them, plus the privilege of giving service to their church by singing in this youth choir. The choir rehearses in the regular choir room. Those interested in individual lessons on Saturdays should contact Mr. Parlette directly. Call - 456-5747.

ciated Churches on November 5, at the church.

## CHRISTMAS CARD TO THE CHURCH

There are only 41 Card-mailing days until Christmas! Your worship committee is recommending a means for larger greeting opportunity among church families and for doing more good, plus saving some time and effort. Why not send ONE Christmas greeting from your household to the WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY, which will be placed on two Christmas Greeting Trees in the church for all to see as a sign of fellowship; names of senders will also be listed in Tidings. Then include with your greeting the amount of money you would otherwise have spent on individual cards and postage to whatever number of selected families in the church you would have sent greetings. The total amount received will be given to our two benevolent homes for aging and dependent persons. Thus, you wish Christmas joy and express holiday greetings to the entire church, not only a few persons or families, and accomplish a larger good by sharing with "our other family" in the homes at Marion and Cleveland. Now is the time to plan to do this, before you address all those cards.

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## PREPARATION for new CURRICULUM

The first course for those who will be leaders in using the new Christian Life Curriculum materials is now ready. Our Brotherhood leaders suggest that classes begin now for these leaders, including Church School teachers, CMF and CWF leaders, leaders among our Official Board members, etc. The set-up meeting for these classes has been set for 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 24, in Fellowship Hall. All of our leadership is urged to attend.

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## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

### REGISTRATION

Registration pads were used for the first time last Sunday during the service of worship, to secure the names of all persons present. Of the 275 in the service, 201 registered: 163 members and 38 non-members and guests. Our members are urged to cooperate each Sunday in this gesture of fellowship and means of securing helpful information, and to encourage visitors to do so. The pad is placed in the hymnal-rack nearest the center aisle of each pew, and is to be signed and passed on to each person; when it reaches the end of the pew it is to be returned, giving opportunity to note the names of others and to greet each other following worship.

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'58	17	10.75
Pairs & Spares	9	5.25
High School	15	3.65
Junior High	20	2.73
Junior Dept	26	7.47
Primary	12	3.68
Kindergarten	12	1.10
Nursery 2-4	8	1.50
Babes & Toddlers	3	.25
	191	\$ 67.73

## BOY SCOUTS - FISH FRY -

A Fish and Tenderloin Dinner is planned by the boy scouts for Friday, November 15 from 5 to 8:00 P.M. here at First Christian Church. Adults \$1.50 - Children \$1.00. Get your ticket from Max Finkhousen, or other Troop member.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

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sion at 10:30

5:00 - Youth Choir

5:00 - Junior Adventure Time

5:30 - Chi Rho meeting

5:00 - Christian Youth Fellowship

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Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Thursday, 7:30

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There is danger of leaving God out of  
our Thanksgiving Day. We are making  
it a holiday rather than a holy day. It is  
a day for the public recognition of God  
as the giver of all good. To leave God  
out of Thanksgiving Day is as absurd as  
leaving Christ out of Christmas.

November 3, 1968

Church Attendance	275
Church School Attendance	191
Regular Church Offering	1937.01
Church School Offering	67.73
Building Fund	39.00
Thanksgiving	25.00
	<u>\$ 2068.74</u>

Balance due Trust Fund \$12,600.00

### AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving November 3, 1968

ELDERS: Herman Weber

Harold Crowder

Alternates - Cecil Rice, E.W. Klepfer

DEACONS: Captain, Edwin Allen

Robert Hendricks Robert Ogles

Richard Burkett A.E. Huddleston

John Hechler Norman Strayer

Donald Miller Orie McDougale

Alternates - Frank Moody

LeRoy Timbrook

DEACONESSES - November 10, 17, 24.

Mrs. Rolland Ripple, Mrs. Fred Smell.

GREETERS - Berean Class

### UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE ..

Five churches in the south area of the  
city will share in a Thanksgiving Ser-  
vice in our sanctuary on Wednesday  
evening, November 27 at 7:30. Calvary  
Presbyterian, Christ United Methodist,  
Epworth United Methodist, First Chris-  
tian and Lincolnshire Church of the  
Brethren will cooperate in the service,  
which will include communion. The  
Southmoor Mother Singers will present  
the music.

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To know what to do with what you  
know is the essence of true wisdom.



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## "WHO WAS THAT LADY AND ALL THOSE CHILDREN THAT I SAW YOU WITH?"

The answers to this old vaudeville question may not be appropriate, but we can become better acquainted with "the elect lady and her children," as the elder addresses the church. (II John 1:1)

We know so very much about the church: its history and origin, its organization, its function, teachings and purposes. But it is altogether possible to overlook familiarity with the church itself, "the living Body of Christ."

The church is persons, sensitive to the mind and spirit of Christ, concerned about and sharing with one another, and witnessing before others. Yet we may fail in real awareness of people as persons. It is surprising how many of us in our church know so few others; long-timers DO ask, "Who was that lady - or man?", or say, "I've seen those people, but don't know their names."

The registration of persons in worship each Sunday is designed to help all of us "remember the name as well as the face." It is a moment of fellowship in itself, but the purpose is of largest value: to identify persons sitting on the seat with you that you may speak knowingly following the service. The information is collected weekly for use by the membership and evangelism committee also. This past Sunday showed improvement in the number of signatures: 247 of the 289 in the sanctuary. Cooperation of members is urged each Sunday, and members can urge our visitors and non-members to share; there were exactly 50 non-members of our congregation who did so on November 10.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### General Meeting

The general meeting of CWF will be on Tuesday, November 19 at 1:00 p.m. at the church. Following a short business session the program and worship, "Human Rights - 1968" will be presented by the Dye Group. Hostesses will be members of Fellowship Guild. Spice Group will serve refreshments.

A special CWF EXECUTIVE meeting will be held Monday November 18 at 7:30 P.M. in the church parlor. Please try to be present.

DECEMBER 8 is WOMAN'S DAY with Mrs. Benjamin Burns, Lexington, Ky. as guest speaker.

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SIGN UP FOR "THE CHRISTIAN" ... If you are not already receiving THE CHRISTIAN through the mail at your home, but would like to receive it, beginning January 1, please be sure to sign your name to the list on one of our two bulletin boards near the entrances by November 20. It is not necessary to sign again if you are already receiving the publication.

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WORKER'S CONFERENCE ..... The November Worker's Conference is for all teachers and others who work with our children in the Nursery through the sixth grade. The conference will be held at 8:00 a.m. this Sunday, November 17, in the office of the director of Christian Education. It is most important that everyone be here, as special Christmas plans will be discussed, along with one or two other important considerations.

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JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME ... "Remember to bring your symbols of your group team."

## CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ..

will have a guest speaker, Mr. David Bromley, from Chicago this week. He will speak on the topic, "Teenagers - Alcoholics?" The meeting will be at 5:30 on Sunday, immediately following Youth choir rehearsal.

YOUTH CHOIR will rehearse this week only beginning at 4:45/ Other weeks it will be at the usual 5 o'clock hour. The added time is because there was no rehearsal last week and it is needed because the choir will be singing in the worship service on November 24. It is most important that all choir members be here for this rehearsal.

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CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE ... If you have newspaper for the paper drive, please be sure to have it at the church by November 23. The first load of papers will be sold that day. The drive will continue, so do continue to save and bring your papers, but we are most anxious to have a full load by this date.

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COFFEE SEALS FOR WOODHAVEN ... Don't forget to bring your inner seals from Maxwell House instant coffee to the church soon. These seals may come from any size jar except the 2 oz. size. These will be sent to our school for retarded children at Woodhaven, Missouri where an arrangement has been made to exchange them for some excellent playground equipment. These seals must be in before December 15.

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## THANKSGIVING UNION SERVICES..

Several services will be held in areas of the city at Thanksgiving, with the one for the South section conducted in our sanctuary on Wednesday evening, November 27 at 7:30. Five churches are sponsoring the service, which will be open to all people. The Southmoor PTA Singers will provide music, and Rev. William Meddock, Christ United Methodist minister, will have the meditation. The service will include communion. The offering will be used for Week-Day Religious Education.

## CHRISTMAS CARD TO THE CHURCH

Make use of the suggestion that church families send one Christmas card to the entire congregation, instead of several cards to selected families. Enclose in your card the money that would have been used for the other greetings and postage, which will be a Christmas gift from our 'church family' to our benevolent Homes. Cards will be hung on trees in the church, and names of senders listed in "Tidings".

## PERSONAL MENTION

St. Joseph's Hospital :

Mrs. Maida Teeters, Mrs. Melvin Williamson, Estel Grier.

Lutheran Hospital: Mrs. Nellie Merryman, Margo Parlette.

A nephew of Mrs. Hugh Rice and Mr. Rolland Ripple died in an air-crash in Kansas on November 9; his mother is a frequent visitor to our church from Chicago. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Mrs. Ward Bundy and Mrs. A.N. Shockney have both had falls; Mrs. Bundy was knocked down by a purse-snatcher.

Congratulations and good wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Skelton whose wedding was on November 9.

## THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Thanksgiving is an occasion for giving thanks to God for blessings, both material and spiritual. Sharing is the natural expression of gratitude. The Christian gives that others, near and far, may have the joy of Christian truth and life. On Sunday, November 24, we will give our Thanksgiving offering; this is one of the Special Days, and the purposes served are Christian education, historical interests, higher education, state and area missions, and the services handled by our International Convention. Information and offering envelopes and boxes will be distributed this week-end.

## STEWARDSHIP INSTITUTE ...

Approximately 50 persons from four churches attended the Stewardship Action Institute in our church last Sunday. Churches represented were Southview Warsaw; North, West Creighton and First Christian. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Love and a number of women of the CWF prepared the evening meal.

Those from our church who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. George Bruckman, Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, Ralph Church, Mrs. Helen Clymore, Kenneth Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smell, John Thompson, Mrs. Owen Vaught, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Weber, Ralph Weesner, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Plummer, Robert Hendricks, Thomas Frappier, Bert Leversee, Bill Wilson and Walter Birkhold.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Steven E. Morehouse, 4605 Teakwood Dr. into church membership. Mrs. Morehouse (Sharon) by transfer from Bethany Christian Church, Anderson, Indiana, and Mr. Morehouse by confession.

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Guest speaker.

Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Thursday, 7:30

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YOUTH CHOIR. This is your choir, not  
just a CYF group.

Church Attendance	289
Church School Attendance	220
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1425.90
Church School Offering	71.25
Building Fund	17.00
	<u>\$ 1514.15</u>

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Robert Chevalier

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John Hechler Norman Strayer

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Alternates: Paul Yentes

Max Finkhousen

DEACONESSES - November 17, 24

Mrs. Rolland Ripple, Mrs. Fred Smell

GREETERS - Berean Class

### CRADLE ROLL

We are now offering helps to parents  
of babies through our Cradle Roll Dept.  
Mrs. William Wilson has agreed to  
serve as chairman of this service. She  
will be contacting parents of new  
babies soon after the birth of the baby.  
If there are parents of children under  
two now in our congregation who would  
like their children placed on the cradle  
roll, please contact Mrs. Wilson by  
calling 745-2912.

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CHI RHO Fellowship will meet at the  
usual time, 5:30, immediately follow-  
ing the choir rehearsal. This week's  
meeting will be a debate, so be on  
hand to join in the fun!

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# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH"

"AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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No. 8

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"COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME"

We are a fortunate people! Life is extraordinarily good, and our cup overflows with an abundance of blessings. And if life is sometimes very ordinary and occasionally stricken with misfortune, there is the assurance of love, care and recovery. How can we do otherwise than give thanks in everything. Opportunities for grateful response to God are before us during this week:

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Our service of worship at 10:30 will be one of thanks through praise, communion, message and music; the Youth Choir will sing for the first time this fall. The special offering, for which envelopes and boxes are available, may be given during church school or worship; it will be used within our brotherhood for Christian education, historical interests, higher education, state and area missions, and other services attended to by our International Convention offices.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

A community service will be held in our sanctuary at 7:30, arranged by five churches of this area of the city; Calvary Presbyterian, Christ United Methodist, Epworth United Methodist, First Christian and Lincolnshire Brethren. The Southmoor PTA Singers will provide special selections of music. A brief message will be given, and the service will conclude with communion as the "eucharist", which means gratitude as expressed in the Lord's Supper. The offering will be used for week-day religious education.

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### CHRISTMAS PLANS

Services and plans for our "month of Christmas worship" will be announced fully in next week's "Tidings." Each of the five Sundays of the month, beginning December 1, will speak of Christmas in our service of worship, with special settings, music, messages and some drama. The Christmas Family-Night supper and activity will be on Sunday, December 15, at 5:30 until 8:00 for every person in the church. Many persons are helping with plans to make this a beautiful and significant month within the church and in our homes.

### THE DIRECTORY

Information has come from the firm publishing our pictorial directory that it will be shipped early in December. It will be available on the evening of Sunday, December 15, for families to pick up after the Christmas supper.

### YOUTH TO CONVENTION

Seven CYF young people from our church will attend a Regional Youth Convention at Hiram College, Hiram Ohio, during the Thanksgiving weekend. 1000 Christian Church youth will assemble for the 3-day meeting which begins Friday afternoon, November 29. Attending will be Jody Eckert, Linda Jenkins, Mary Jenkins, Melanie McGuire, Nancy Skelton, Cindy Yentes and Rick Hendricks; Rick will be a district representation, as vice-president of district 1.

### MEETING OF THOSE AT INSTITUTE

Sunday, November 24, after worship service - in the parlor: those who attended the Stewardship Action Institute on November 10; for evaluation and recommendations.

### CHURCH NURSERY

Mrs. Ronald Aker is now serving as chairman of our Church Nursery (during the Morning Worship Service). Judy is arranging for there to be adults in charge of this Nursery every Sunday. Thus children 2 & 3 years old will be well cared for in order that parents may be a part of the worship service. Judy will be calling parents asking each to take a turn. Thus with all helping with this service, the task will not be too great for anyone.

### CLC MEETING - 8:00 A.M. SUNDAY

A meeting to assess your desires as we plan for classes for all who will be leading in the use of our new curriculum materials next fall, as well as others interested in learning more about these materials, will be held in Fellowship Hall this Sunday morning, November 24, at 8:00 a.m. It is very important that all present teachers, person who might be willing to teach as a future time, CWF leaders, board chairmen, VCS leaders and others interested be at this initial meetings. We want you to have a part in choosing the time when your class in "Basics for CLC" will meet. Remember Christian Life Curriculum is for all of us!

CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP this Sunday will meet at the home of Debbie Nordblom, 5319 Fairfield. Those who attend the Youth Choir rehearsal will be provided transportation to the Nordblom home following choir. Those who do not attend choir are ask to go directly to the Nordblom's home. Parents are asked to pick up their Chi Rho'ers directly from Nordblom's at 7:00. Chi Rho'ers are reminded to bring canned food and money to buy the meat for our Thanksgiving basket. All Junior High Youth are invited.

CYF. Christian Youth Fellowship (for all high school youth) will meet at the church as usual this Sunday at 5:30. (immediately following youth choir rehearsal). We will have as our guest speaker, Mrs. Virginia Gebhardt, Allen County Girl's Probation Officer.

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#### YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir will be singing this Sunday, November 24, at the morning Worship service. Choir members are asked to be in the choir room by 10:00 a.m. You will be dismissed from your church school class in time. The choir will also rehearse as usual at 5:00.

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#### NELSON GROUP

The Nelson Group is selling Christmas cards with a picture of our sanctuary decorated for Christmas (\$1.00 per box) both everyday and Christmas wrappings (\$1.25 per box), both everyday and Christmas napkins (50¢ per package). and ribbons (\$1.00 per spool). To secure any of these, contact Nancy Wortley (747-0905), Beverly Hendricks, (745-9317), or any other member of the Nelson Group.

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CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE ... To remind you to get your old newspapers to the church by November 23. The first load will be sold that day. However, as the drive will continue, please keep saving your old newspapers for future pick-ups.

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Let us ever be thankful for the church of our forebears, remembering those who founded it. Let us remember also those who during the succeeding decades maintained it, enlarged it, beautified it, and enriched it with their labors. Let us dedicate ourselves to follow in their way.

#### THANKSGIVING PRAYER FOR A FAMILY.

"Lord, behold our family here assembled. We thank Thee for this place in which we dwell; for the love that unites us; for the peace accorded us this day; for the hope which we expect tomorrow; for the health, the work, the food, and the bright skies, that make our lives delightful; for our friends in all parts of the earth.

Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind. Spare to us our friends, soften to us our enemies. Bless us, if it may be, in all our innocent endeavors. If it may not, give us the strength to encounter that which is to come, that we be brave in peril, constant in tribulation, temperate in wrath, and in all changes of fortune, loyal and loving to one another.

As the clay to the potter, as the windmill to the wind, as children of their sire, we beseech of Thee this help and mercy for Christ's sake.

--Amen."

-- Robert Louis Stevenson

#### CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

November 11, 1968

Class	Att.	Off.
Friendly	9	1.75
Progressive	21	9.75
Come Double	17	6.75
Berean	11	4.25
'58	19	11.00
Pairs & Spares	9	5.00
High School	18	4.00
Junior High	20	2.05
Juniors	22	5.70
Primary	14	3.25
Kindergarten	9	.88
Nursery 2-4	5	.70
Babes & Toddlers	3	.25

177 \$ 56.43

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1968

9:15 A.M. - Church School

10:30 A.M. - Service of Worship

(Nursery is provided for children through  
age 3)

Primary and Kindergarten expanded ses-  
sion at 10:30

5:00 - Youth Choir

5:00 Junior Adventure Time - There will  
be two craft session this Sunday.

5:30 - Chi Rho - will meet at home of  
Debbie Nordblom.

5:30 - Christian Youth Fellowship

Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Thursday, 7:30

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The Junior Adventure members asks that  
church members when bringing guests see  
that their guest receives a visitor ribbon  
to pin on. The Juniors made these visitor  
ribbons and they are to be found in the  
church narthex.

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### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Thanksgiving Day is reserved for fam-  
ilies and friends who may share together  
and be mindful in special ways of God  
who gives all blessings.

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November 17, 1968

Church Attendance	292
Church School Attendance	177
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1410.41
Church School Offering	56.43
Building Fund	4.00
Thanksgiving Offering	12.00
	<u>\$ 1482.84</u>

### AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving November 17, 1968

#### ELDERS:

Bert Leversee - William Crouse

#### Alternates:

Walter Birkhold - Robert Rayl

#### DEACONS: Captain, Edwin Allen

William Wilson, Wayne Penny, Robert  
Westerfield, Romane Cole, James P.  
Heavin, John Varner, George R. Davis,  
Vernon Moore.

Alternates: Arthur Mowery, E.M.

O'Laughlin, Ralph Weesner. James W.  
Lehman.

#### DEACONESSES - November 24

Mrs. Rolland Ripple, Mrs. Fred Smell.

GREETERS, November - Berean Class  
December - Come Double

### PERSONAL MENTION

#### In hospitals:

Mrs. Maida Teeters, St. Joseph

Mrs. Merryman, Lutheran

Harold Henry, Lutheran, #400

Sympathy - to Mrs. Roy Finton in the  
recent death of her son, Robert.

*Julie*



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## WOMAN'S DAY - DECEMBER 8

The annual Woman's Day Service will be on Sunday, December 8. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Benjamin Burns, Lexington, Ky., who is vice-president of International Christian Women's Fellowship. Formerly of Chicago, she served as president of the Illinois Convention of Christian Churches. Her husband is on the faculty of Transylvania College.

## CWF - Monthly Group Meetings . . .

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Esther Whitton, 3308 S. Clinton, Monday December 2, at 7:45 P.M. (Please note change in date). Program by Mrs. W. J. Williams; Worship by Mrs. A. O. Schell.

The KEPPLER Group will meet with Mrs. Edwin Allen, 308 E. Maple Grove Ave., Tuesday, December 3, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Miriam Bixenman; Worship Mrs. Herman Weber.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Mark Snyder, 4709 Schaper Dr., Tuesday, December 3, 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Wm. Love; Worship, Mrs. William Caldwell.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Fred Smell, 4126 Roxton Lane, Wednesday, December 4, at 1:00 P.M. program by Mrs. Neil Allen; Worship by Mrs. Dale Parkerson.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Donohue, 2724 Hoagland Ave., Wednesday, December 4, at 1:30 p.m. Program, Mrs. Robert Scott; Worship Mrs. Vaughn Brickley.

## PROGRESSIVE CLASS - CHRISTMAS

PARTY .. December 13, at 6:30 PM at the Hobby Ranch House. Call in your reservations to Mrs. Helmuth, 743-4353; or, Mrs. Quinn, 748-8985, by December 11.



## A MONTH OF CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Each service of worship and other activities within the church during December will emphasize that it is "A Month of Christmas Worship." Using the idea, "Personalities Around the Nativity," each Sunday will concentrate on a character in the Nativity story according to Matthew and Luke. Settings for worship, music, messages and costumes will be based on the fine arts. The sanctuary and other areas of the church will be decorated progressively each week. Many families are sharing in the planning and presentations to make this a valued experience for individuals, households and the 'church family'.

Families are invited to send a "Christmas greeting" to the entire congregation, instead of several cards to selected families. Enclose in your family's card to the church the money which would have been spent for the other greetings and postage; the total amount will be a Christmas gift from our 'church family' to our benevolent homes for children and aging in Marion and Cleveland. Cards will be hung on trees in the sanctuary by December 15, and names of senders will be listed in "Tidings."

Sunday, December 1 - 10:30 "The Annunciation" Matthew 1: 18-25, Luke 1:26-35

During Church School, children in classes through grade 6, will make Advent Wreaths to take home for use with their families.

Sunday, December 8 - 10:30 "Woman's Day" in charge of C.W.F; Mrs. Benjamin Burns, speaker. The church's Advent Wreath will be hung in the sanctuary, and the first candle lighted.

Sunday, December 15 - 10:30 "Good News: Go and See" Luke 2:8-20

The second candle on the Advent Wreath will be lighted;

the service for Blessing of Babies and Dedication of Parents will be held.

During Church School, a sock and mitten tree will be used by children for the first Sunday in Fellowship Hall; socks and mittens will be sent to the Cleveland Home.

Sunday, December 15 - 5:30 until 8:00 - Christmas Family-Night Supper and Activity.

Supper-plans will be in charge of the C.W.F.; more information will appear in "Tidings"

Activity will feature "Personalities of Christmas," with entire families participating.

The evening will conclude with carol-singing around the Christmas tree, and worship.

At the close of the evening, the new pictorial directories may be obtained.

Tuesday, December 17 - 8:00 Christian Women's Fellowship general meeting.

Sunday, December 22 - 10:30 "The Adoration" Luke 2:3-7, Matthew 2:1-11

A cantata, "The Song of Christmas," will be presented by the choir.

The third candle on the Advent Wreath will be lighted.

White Gifts of food for distribution through the Christmas Bureau will be brought forward during the service and placed before the Manger.

During the evening, the Chi Rho and Christian Youth Fellowship will go caroling.

Tuesday, December 24 - 7:30 - Christmas Eve Worship in the Sanctuary

The Christ-Candle on the Advent Wreath will be lighted.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper will be observed, and the "Feast of Lights" will conclude the brief but impressive candlelight service.

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day: "Joy to the world! THE LORD is come!"

Sunday, December 29 - 10:30 "Revelation" Luke 2:21-39, Matthew 2:13-14

Children are invited to bring forward a favorite gift received during Christmas, for a service of gratitude and blessing; gifts are to be taken home again.

The Advent Wreath will be retired, all four of its candles having been lighted during our "Month of Christmas Worship."

"O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"

The annual CHRIST-CHILD FESTIVAL will be in progress at Memorial Coliseum this Friday through Sunday. Among exhibits will be the Associated Churches' booth featuring treasured Bibles.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1968

9:15 A.M. - Church School  
10:30 A.M. - Service of Worship  
(Nursery is provided for children through  
age 3.)  
10:30 - Primary and Kindergarten expand-  
ed session.  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Thursday 7:30

### NO YOUTH CHOIRS OR MEETINGS

The youth and bell choirs will not rehearse,  
nor will any of the youth groups meet this  
Sunday, December 1.

### PERSONAL MENTION

In hospitals:

Herman Weber, Parkview 540

Trou Yeoman, Parkview 337

Sympathy is extended to Robert Kenyon, a  
member of Pairs and Spares Class, in the  
death of his father.

Board meeting Tuesday, December 3, 8 pm

### AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving December 1, 1968

ELDERS: John Merrill - Andrew Cook

Alternates - David Griggs

John Thompson

DEACONSL Captain, Edwin Allen

William E. Wilson, Wayne Penny,

Robert Westerfield, Romane Cole,

James P. Heavin, John Varner,

George Davis, Vernon Moore.

Alternates:

Merle Rice, Leon Johns, Herbert Banet

Marvin L. Crouse.

DEACONESES: December 1, 8, 15 -

Mrs. Harold Crowder

Mrs. Floyd Morrical

GREETERS - December

Come-Double Class

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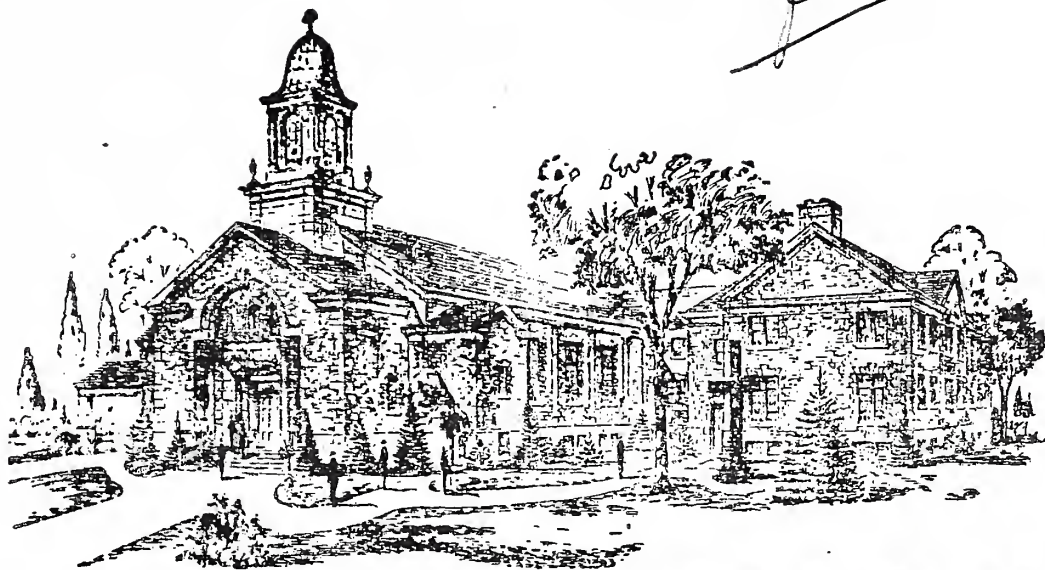
November 24, 1968

Church Attendance	328
Church School Attendance	230
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1209.00
Church School Offering	( 315.51
Thanksgiving Offering	( 118.50
Building Fund	200.50
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### TO ANNOUNCE-THE COLONY PLAN

The membership committee is devel-  
oping a colony plan for maintaining  
contact and interest among church fam-  
ilies. Designated persons or couples  
will serve as leaders of the colonies.

LIVING ROOM DIALOG .. One couple  
from our church is wanted for the Living  
room Dialog, an inter-faith group which  
will meet once a month for four months  
beginning in January. Couples from Cath-  
olic and Protestant churches will share  
in this group, who are knowledgeable of  
their faith and tolerant enough to discuss  
with those of different faith. Interested  
couples should notify Mr. McGuire.



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## WOMAN'S DAY

Woman's Day is of importance to the whole church, just as are Youth Week and Laymen's Sunday; the service of worship on Woman's Day is vital to each person, men as well as women, and of all ages. It does call attention to the sense of mission and responsibility fulfilled by Christian women, the opportunities for service in many ways, and the needs of our day to be met by the church, including its women.

The Christian Women's Fellowship will be in charge of the service of worship this Sunday, December 8, and has secured an outstanding leader among Christian Churches as guest speaker to bring the message. She is MRS. BENJAMIN BURNS, Vice-president of International C.W.F. She lives in Lexington, Kentucky, where her husband is dean of Morrison Chapel, Transylvania College; during their ministry at the Austin Boulevard Christian Church, Chicago, Mrs. Burns served as president of the Illinois Convention of Christian Churches. She is a native of Paris, Kentucky, and a graduate of Transylvania. She has taught school, as well as given much leadership to churches, especially through the C.W.F. and as a sought-after speaker for Woman's Day.

The service of worship is at 10:30; the undesignated or loose offering will be used by the C.W.F. as part of their outreach giving. Mrs. Max Finkhousen is study director and Mrs. H. C. Helmuth is worship director of CWF; Mrs. Geo. Bruckman is president.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Special features will be included in the second Sunday of our "Month of Christmas Worship", which will also be Woman's Day. The Advent Wreath will be hung in the sanctuary, and the first candle lighted by a family. Another "personality from the Nativity" will be portrayed; last Sunday Barbara Love took the role of the angel. settings and costumes are being taken from sacred art, the first being from Fra Angelico's "The Annunciation."

On December 15, the service for blessing of babies and dedication of parents will be included during worship. The Christmas Card trees will be placed in the sanctuary, and the "sock and mitten tree" will be in Fellowship Hall. The Christmas Family-Night Supper and Activity will be that evening from 5:30 until 8:00.

The White Gift service will be part of worship on December 22; white-wrapped items of food will be given for distribution through the Christmas Bureau. A Christmas-Eve Service is scheduled at 7:30, to light the fourth or Christ-Candle on the Advent Wreath, to share in communion, and to close with the "Feast of Lights".

### PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Nierman are parents of a son, Bruce Edward, born December 2. All of the CYF, of which Mr. and Mrs. Nierman are sponsors, claim the baby as a nephew! Sadness has been felt this same weekend, in the death of Mrs. Nierman's step-mother and Mr. Nierman's grandmother.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS Christmas Party - December 13, 6:30 PM at Hobby Ranch House. Make reservations with Mrs. Hel-muth, 743-4353; or, Mrs. Quinn, 748-8985

## THANKSGIVING UNION SERVICE

300 persons attended the union service of thanksgiving in our sanctuary on November 27. Eight ministers from six cooperating churches participated in the service, plus two deacons from each of the churches. Music was provided by the Southmoor PTA Singers, with 5 ladies from our church included; Mrs. Parlette was organist. Mrs. Plummer and Mr. Mueller attended to arrangements for communion and in the building, and our ushers assisted. An offering of \$125 was gathered for Week-day Religious Education.

### ADVENT WREATHS AND FAMILY

WORSHIP FOLDER: Last Sunday the children in our Church School in the sixth grade and below took home with them small Advent Wreaths which they had made. Along with the wreaths, a folder was given them containing suggested worship services for families to use in preparation for the birthday of Jesus. We urge all families to encourage their children by using these worship services and wreaths in their homes. There are a number of the worship folders left. They have been placed on the window sill outside the church office. They are there for you to take. Take them if you wish and prepare your own Advent Wreath and join our families in First Christian Church in a meaningful family worship experience.

### SOX and MITTENS for CLEVELAND

HOME. Children in our Church School will be bringing sox and mittens for our "other family" - the children at our Christian Home, Cleveland, Ohio, on Sundays December 15 & 22. they will bring sox and mittens in their own size, in order to insure a variety of sizes, and each class will place its

contribution on the Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall. If you wish to join them in this gift, bring your contribution either Sunday and place them on the tree.

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CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR CHURCH  
FRIENDS - GIFTS FOR THE CHRIS-  
TIAN HOMES.

Americans are inveterate bargain hunters! Are you one of them? If so, you will be anxious to join in our "Christmas Card Project". It is the idea of this project to send one, and only one, Christmas Card to the church for all your friends within our church family. With the card, enclose the money you would otherwise have spent for individual cards and postage for them to send to each of your friends. The money so collected will be given to the Christian Homes at Marion and at Cleveland. The cards will be hung on the Christmas tree in the sanctuary, beginning Sunday 15. Names of those sending cards will be published in Tidings, so that all your friends may know that they, indeed, did receive a Christmas greeting from you. In this manner you can do two things with your money - send greetings to your friends and send a gift to "your other family" at one of our Homes at Christmas. A bargain? You be the judge.

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BELL CHOIR The Bell Choir will begin rehearsals regularly this Sunday at 4:00 P.M. just preceding the Youth Choir rehearsal. It is important for every member to be present.

YOUTH CHOIR will rehearse as usual at 5:00 p.m. this Sunday. In order for the youth meetings to have their full time, it is most important that choir members all be here promptly at 5:00, so that rehearsal may begin and end promptly.

CHI RHO will meet at 5:30 this Sunday for a business meeting, worship and a social evening. Come, join in the fun.

CYF will meet as usual at 5:30 this Sunday. Those of our group who attended the conference at Hiram last week-end will give us high lights of the program there.

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CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

December 1, 1968

<u>Class</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Off.</u>
Friendly	12	4.45
Progressive	21	9.50
Come Double	17	11.25
Berean	11	7.00
'58	24	13.00
Pairs & Spares	9	5.25
Young Adults	5	2.56
High School	12	4.05
Junior High	20	4.39
Junior	21	5.82
Primary	19	4.66
Kindergarten	12	2.17
Nursery 2-4	8	1.08
Babes & Toddlers	5	.40
	196	\$ 72.33

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A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding - that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified - that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them - that each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses - that the true spirit of this Christmas Season, its joy, its beauty its hope, and above all its abiding faith - may live among us, that the blessings of peace be ours - the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1968

9:15 A.M. - Church School  
10:30 A.M. - Service of Worship  
(Nursery is provided for children through  
age 3.)  
10:30 - Primary and Kindergarten expanded session.  
4:00 Bell Choir rehearsal  
5:00 - Youth Choir  
5:30 - Chi Rho and CYF  
5:30 - Junior Adventure Time - This is  
the last time to work on the baskets and  
to prepare them for Christmas giving.  
Sanctuary Choir - Thursday, 7:30

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### CWF - Monthly Group Meetings . . . .

The NELSON group will meet with Mrs. Russell Wortley, 2229 Drake Dr., Wednesday, December 10, for a carry-in dinner at 6:30 P.M. Program, Mrs. Robt. Hendricks; worship, Mrs. Charles Hunt.

### Officers serving December 8, 1968

ELDERS: David Flogg, Alfred Schell

Alternates: Rufus Quinn, Myron Cole

DEACONS: Captain, George Warren

Virgil Montgomery, W. Harry Imbody

Robert Schubel, William J. Schilling

Stanley R. Cole, James F. Ruble

Mark Snyder, Ted E. Bryan.

Alternates - Robert Hendricks, Richard

Burkett, John Hechler, Donald Miller.

DEACONESSES: December 8, 15

Mrs. Harold Crowder, Mrs. F. Morrical

GREETERS - December

Come-Double Class

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December 1, 1968

Church Attendance 286

Church School Attendance 196

Regular Church Offering 1266.05

Church School Offering 72.33

Building Fund 4.00

Thanksgiving Offering 43.00

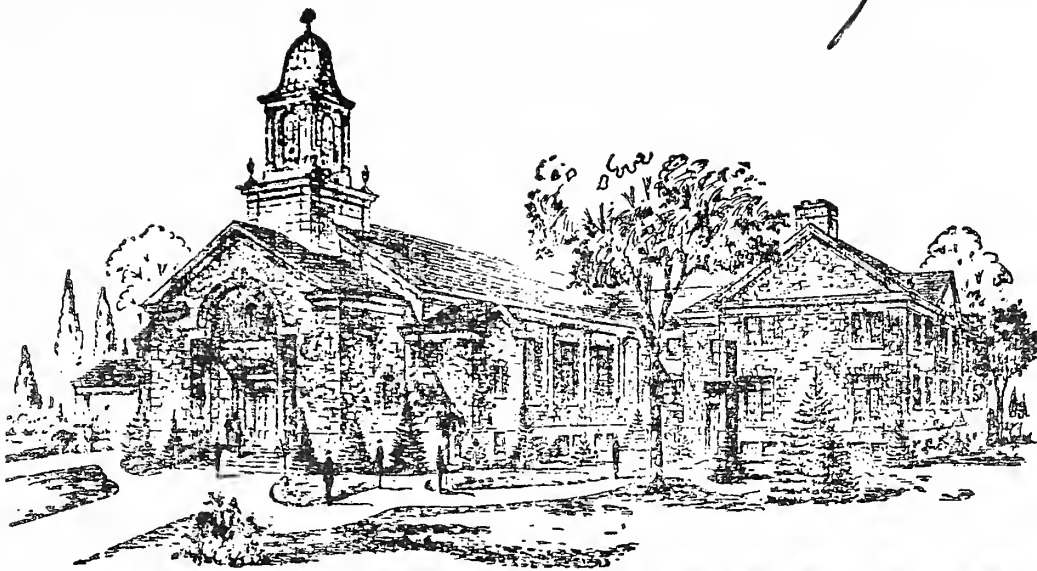
Christmas Offering 10.00

\$ 1397.28

### CWF - Monthly Group Meetings . . . .

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will hold their annual Christmas dinner meeting at the church, Monday evening, December 9, at 6:15, Fellowship Hall. A special program is being arranged to be given in the church parlor. Members, please remember to bring stationery for the Flinn Home, and your offering for the Cleveland Christian Home.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. James Ruble, 7615 Breckenwood, Tuesday, December 10, at 8 PM Program by Mrs. John Olson; Worship by Mrs. Robert Rayl.



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"At Christmas play and make good cheer,  
For Christmas comes but once a year."

So said "The Farmer's Daily Diet" about 1550. And the beauty and joy of Christmas is as important to us now as four centuries ago - or twenty centuries ago, when the "good news" first came among men of good will. It is a very natural response to celebrate the coming of Christ with music, bright lights and happy colors; the exchange of greetings and giving of gifts are spontaneous reactions to the rediscovery of the Christ-child.

This is the purpose of the very special services of worship each Sunday during "Our Month of Christmas Worship" - to display evidence and give expression to the Christian truths of the holiday (holy days!) So, music and messages are carefully chosen; arrangements and settings are thoughtfully planned, not merely to 'decorate', but to give visual support to the pleasing message of Jesus' birth. We continue to concentrate on one "Personality around the Nativity" each week; Mary Jenkins portrayed "Mary" last Sunday, and the Ralph Church family and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Snyder lighted the first candle on the Advent Wreath to represent "Mary".

December 15 will be a very important and busy day. The second candle of the Wreath will be lighted by another family, and the service for Blessing of Babies and Dedication of Parents will be a part of the 10:30 worship. Music and message will be on the theme, "Good News: Go and Tell".

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
General Meeting

The General CWF will meet on Tuesday, December 17, at 3 p.m. in the Church parlor. Program and Worship "Happiness is Forgetting Self" by the Spice group; there will be the Dedication of Christmas gifts to Shut-ins and to the Cleveland Home for Children. Members of Kepple group will serve as hostesses; Montgomery group will serve refreshments.

!T'S CHRISTMAS EVERYWHERE

Make it a point to visit all the Christmas 'settings' in the church, which increase in number each weekend. Arrangements in the sanctuary have been by Mrs. Edwin Allen, Geo. Bruckman, Mr. & Mrs. Rufus Quinn, and Max Finkhousen. Other settings, besides those in class rooms, are: the Chapel, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caldwell; the corridor by the Chapel, Dr. & Mrs. James Ruble and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Davis; the choir room, Mrs. Henry Schryver; and the narthex, Mr. and Mrs. James Heavin.

CHRISTMAS CARD TO CHURCH  
FRIENDS ...

Trees are in place in the sanctuary on which Christmas cards from members to all friends in the church will be placed, beginning this Sunday, December 15. This afford a very broad means of sending greetings to the entire congregation, rather than only a select few. One card may be sent to the church, which will be placed on one of the trees, and names of senders will be placed in "Tidings". It is suggested that money which would have been used on the other cards and postage, be enclosed; the amount re-

ceived will be sent as a Christmas gift to "our other family", aging persons and children in church homes in Marion and Cleveland.

BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

Church-sponsored Troop 57, Boy Scouts, invited interested persons to a Court of Honor to be held at 7:30 Friday, December 13, in Fellowship Hall. Among the awards to be presented are four Eagle Scout badges, the highest rank a Scouter may attain.

BELL CHOIR will rehearse this Sunday at the now established time of 4:00 pm. This will be the time of regular weekly rehearsals. It is quite important that all members of this unique choir be present at this rehearsal, as we are busy with Christmas music.

YOUTH CHOIR will rehearse as usual at 5:00 pm., this Sunday, December 15. It is very important that all choir members be on time, in order that we may be out in plenty of time for the family night program and dinner at 5:30.

LAST CHANCE This Sunday is your last chance to bring the inner seals from Maxwell House instant coffee so that we may send the seals to Woodhaven Christian Home in Columbia, Missouri for them to secure playground equipment. Please bring any seals you have and leave them in the church office. They will be sent to Woodhaven on Monday.

ATTENTION - Please return dish-towels to the church by this Sunday. They will be needed! Also, one-half of the large aluminum roaster is missing. This also ought to be returned to the church.

## SOCKS AND MITTENS

Please remember that this Sunday socks and mittens for the children at our Cleveland Home are to be brought to the church school classes or placed under the Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall. Our children in the Nursery through grade six are assuming this as their particular project for their "other family" at Christmas time, but any others who wish to help us are invited to do so. Children are to bring socks or mittens in their own size, in order to insure sizes in great enough variety that all the children at Cleveland will be cared for. As you well know, children in your own family wear out many socks and wear out or lose many mittens. This is equally true, but on a larger scale, at the home in Cleveland, so this will be a truly needed gift. Please do not wrap your gifts, in order that we may see what size the gift is and whether for a boy or a girl. Gifts may be brought this Sunday and next.

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OUR CHURCH SCHOOL - A happening  
Many things DO happen in our Nursery and Kindergarten on Sunday mornings! Some happenings are planned, others are unplanned. All are learning situations. Here in three classrooms last Sunday 8 adults worked, played, and prayed with 13 children. What happens, or better, what do we hope will happen in these teaching-learning situations? First of all, we want children to know God, to experience His presence in their lives, and to participate in the Christian fellowship. The titles of three year old materials indicate the objectives: "God's World", "My Church", "God Loves Me", and "I am Growing". Sound like an exciting program? It is! Here children experience the foundation

upon which future growth as children of God is built.

## ..... CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

December 8, 1963

Class	Att.	Off.
Friendly	12	2.40
Progressive	30	12.35
Come Double	19	12.35
Berean	13	5.00
'53	20	15.00
Pairs & Spares	8	5.00
High School	18	4.05
Junior High	19	2.27
Junior Department	23	6.90
Primary	21	3.45
Kindergarten	11	1.63
Nursery 2-4	13	1.93
Babes & Toddlers	5	.26
	217	\$ 72.33

PROGRESSIVE CLASS Christmas Party  
Friday evening, December 13, 6:30 pm  
at Hobby Ranch House.

## ..... GLEAMING CANDLES

May the gleaming Christmas candles  
Which adorn your home today  
Light each heart with joy and gladness,  
And with laughter that is gay.  
May they light your heart with hope,  
And with faith that's strong and true;  
May they brighten all your days,  
Bringing health and strength to you.  
May candles light your home with peace  
As the Saviour's born anew;  
May the many joys of Christmas  
Fulfill all your dreams for you.  
May the soft glow of each candle  
Warm your heart with love and cheer;  
May the shining Christmas spirit  
Abide with you throughout the year.

--Beverly J. Anderson

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1968

9:15 A.M. - Church School

10:30 A.M. - Service of Worship

(Nursery is provided for children through  
age 3.)

10:30 - Primary and Kindergarten ex-  
panded session.

### CHOIR REHEARSALS -

Sanctuary Choir 7:30 Thursday

Youth Choir 5:00 Sunday

Bell Choir 4:00 Sunday

### PERSONAL MENTION

St. Joseph's Hospital -

Virgil Montgomery had ear surgery last  
week.

Lutheran Hospital -

Mrs. Hugh Bassett had surgery

Mrs. Merland Heller, surgery

Mrs. Ethel Koontz - In Moellering  
Unit.

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The Christmas Family-Night Supper will  
begin at 5:30, with each person from  
every household of our 'church family'  
wanted. The CWF is graciously arrang-  
ing the entire meal (which will be sim-  
ple and brief, but adequate for Sunday  
evening!); drinks and table service will  
also be provided - just bring yourself!  
A good time is assured for everyone, and  
the evening will close with carol-singing  
and worship around the tree by 8:00.

December 8, 1968

Church Attendance	266
Church School Attendance	217
Regular Church Offering	\$ 849.41
Church School Offering	72.33
Building Fund	5.00
Thanksgiving Offering	36.00
Christmas Offering	15.00
	<u>\$ 977.74</u>

Balance due Trust Fund for Mortgage -  
\$ 11,400.00

Officers serving December 15, 1968

ELDERS: Alfred Schell and Fred Smell  
Alternates - Harold Crowder, Glenn R.  
Miller.

DEACONS: Captain, George Warren  
Virgil Montgomery, W. Harry Imbody  
Robert Schubel, Wm. J. Schilling  
Stanley R. Cole, James F. Ruble  
Mark Snyder, Ted Bryan.

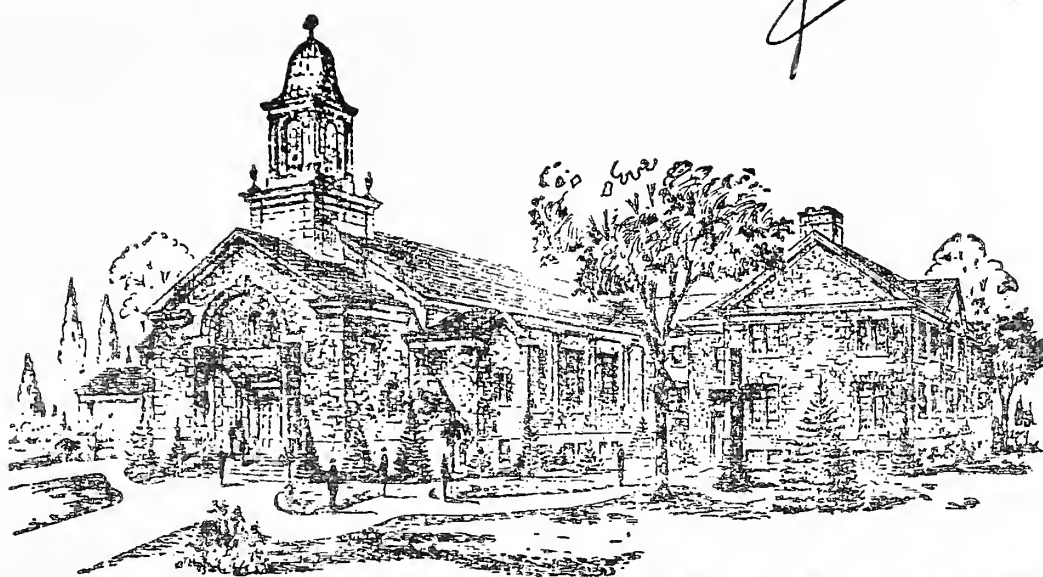
Alternates - Robert Ogles, Arthur E.  
Huddleston, Norman C. Strayer, Orie  
McDougle.

DEACONESSES: December 15  
Mrs. Harold Crowder, Mrs. F. Morrill.

GREETERS - December

Come-Double Class

*Julius*



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## 'T WAS THE SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Such a great service as we will have this Sunday, December 22, the fourth in our "Month of Christmas Worship". The White Gift service will be a part of the worship; persons will bring them to the sanctuary at 10:30, and at the proper time in the service bring them forward to place around the Manger. White Gifts are items of food to be distributed through the Christmas Bureau. A special Christmas Offering will also be given this Sunday, for the benevolent homes; offering goals for classes are listed in "Tidings", but the Christmas envelopes may also be given with the regular offering during worship. Another personality from the Nativity will be portrayed, plus the Adoration scene using each of the previous three; Scott Rayl portrayed the shepherd last Sunday. The third candle on the Advent Wreath will be lighted; the Ted Bryan family lighted the second one last Sunday. The Christmas message will be in music, principally the cantata, "The Song of Christmas", by the sanctuary and youth choirs. The bell choir will also play, and each of these choirs will begin the prelude from the balcony at 10:15.

## "T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

A Christmas Eve Worship Service will be held in the sanctuary at 7:30, Tuesday. It will be a rather brief, but impressive, service of three parts: the lighting of the Christ-Candle on the Advent Wreath; a candle-light service of communion; and the "Feast of Lights".

COME, LET US ADORE HIM!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL THEIR FRIENDS IN THE CHURCH .. have been received from: Mrs. Mary Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ogles, Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Merriman, The Charles Ludwig family, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clipp, The McGuire family, The Edwin Allen family Mrs. Irene Cline, Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, The Ronald McVay family, The Ben Taylor family, Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Flowers, The Rufus Quinn family, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Birkhold, Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kenline, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fusselman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donohue, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Edwards, The Hendricks Love family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Truby, Mrs. Ethel Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Andrew, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rice, Mr. John Z. Berlien, Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Huddleston The Thomas Frappier family, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Nierman, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Plummer, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Aker, Mrs. J.R. Hoop, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller, The George Bruckman family, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Imbody, Mr. and Mrs. John Merrill, Mrs. Elna Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, The Don Parlette family, The Ralph Church family, The Harold Nordblom family, The Wm. J. Schilling family, The Floyd Morrical family, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Strayer, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Leversee, The Dale Parkerson family, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Stevenson, Mr. Edwin R. Allen, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Weber.

Money received with greetings, which would have been used for cards and postage to selected friends, will be sent to the benevolent homes in Marion & Cleveland. Additional names will be listed in 'Tidings'. Cards on trees.

#### THE DIRECTORIES ARRIVED!

The pictorial directories arrived in time to distribute on Sunday evening following the family-night supper. They may be obtained in the parlor, where they are arranged in alphabetical order; name cards are to be signed and left in the parlor when directories are picked up. Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rice, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morrical were in charge of this project.

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#### BABY DEDICATION

Babies brought for the dedication service last Sunday were: Angela Dawn, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Burkholder; Brenda Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lazzaro and Bruce Edward, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Nierman.

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#### A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

Over 200 participated in the Christmas family-night last Sunday, and the sound of things indicated a good time. The C.W.F. arranged the meal. Families giving leadership were those of Ted Bryan, Orie McDougale, Rolland Ripple James Ruble and Robert Urich. Marvin Crouse was "m.c." Other families assisting were George Davis, Floyd Morrical, Elwood Parent and Don Parlette.

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#### 1969 CHURCH ENVELOPES

Are to be found in the church narthex. Please arrange to pick up your box before the 29th. Altho our church year will end June 30, our financial records will be kept on the calendar year. If you have difficulty locating your envelopes, please see Mrs. Vaught.

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#### C.Y.F. HOLIDAY PARTY ...

The CYF will have a holiday party on Saturday, December 23, at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Miriam Bixenman,

1310 Chartwell Drive. Be sure to come!

#### CHI RHO & CYF CAROLING

Both Chi Rho and CYF will be going Christmas Caroling this Sunday evening December 22. Chi Rho will go to the home of Waller and Melanie McGuire, 7712 Gathings Drive, in Trier Ridge Pk, (first street off of Tillman, east of Hessen Cassel,) at 4:30 for refreshments before caroling. Chi Rho'ers will return to the church at 7:00 and may be picked up there. CYF'ers will then go to the McGuire's for a "warm up" party following the caroling.

NO SECO ND HOUR CHURCH SCHOOL  
DECEMBER 29 - There will be no second hour sessions for Primary and Kindergarten on December 29. Instead, these children are asked to come to the worship service with their parents, bringing a favorite gift received at Christmas for a special service of gratitude and blessing. Gifts are to be taken home again.

#### THE YOUNG ADULT SMORGASBORD

There will be a holiday smorgasbord and fun time for all our post-high young adults in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service on Sunday, December 29. If you know of any of these young folks, home for the holidays, be sure to invite them to attend.

#### BASICS CLASSES TO BEGIN

The "Basics" classes for the new Christian Life Curriculum (CLC) will begin on January 12. Be sure to watch future issues of ... for a complete schedule of these clases, as it is important for everyone to join one of them, so that we may be well prepared for our new curriculum when it comes off the presses later in 1969.

#### CHURCH SCHOOL GOALS CHRISTMAS 1968

The Christmas Outreach offering helps provide food and shelter in an environment of Christian love for more than a thousand needy children and eleven hundred elderly persons in the N.B.A. homes. Additional scores of persons are being assisted outside of the homes.

CLASS	Att.	Off
Friendly	30	45.00
Progressive	45	100.00
Come-Double	35	50.00
Berean	25	40.00
'58	30	50.00
Pairs & Spares	20	35.00

#### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Burgesses join with the members of First Christian Church in observing the Advent Season. We remember with tender emotions the joyous occasions spent with dear friends of First Christian many years ago. We pray that the Christmas Spirit may fill your lives and hearts at this Holy Season and during the years ahead.

We send our love and best wishes in lieu of personal Christmas Greetings. We have sent a book, Memoirs of Samuel Joel Burgess, to a few friends of First Christian and feel confident they will be pleased to share it with others.

Affectionately,

Signed: Joel and Josephine Burgess.

"It was said that the Wise Men after visiting the Babe in the manger 'went back another way'. No one can really see Christ and go back the same way." Life becomes different from that hour.

-E. Stanley Jones

Warm your Christmas heart at the altar of your church.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1968

9:15 A.M. - Church School

10:30 A.M. - Service of Worship

(Nursery for children through age 3;

Primary and Kindergarten expanded session)

4:30 Chi Rho Fellowship to McGuire's

5:00 Junior Adventure Time, meet at the church to go caroling. A snack and gift exchange will follow. Be sure to bring your 50¢ gift. If the weather is inclement, we will have a party at the church. Close at 6:30.

5:30 Chi Rho and C.Y.F. meet at the church to go caroling.

C.Y.F. to McGuire's following caroling.

### PERSONAL MENTION

John Williams, III, had surgery last week.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Crist is in 668 Lutheran.  
Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Geo. Skelton, who died suddenly on December 11.

December 15, 1968

Church Attendance	340
Church School Attendance	221
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1373.47
Church School Offering	70.72
Building Fund	11.00
Christmas Offering-Cards	88.00
Christmas - regular	35.00
	<u>\$ 1578.19</u>

Balance due Trust Fund for Mortgage =  
\$ 11,400.00

Officers serving December 22,

DEACONS: Captain, Thomas Frappier  
Frank Moody, Paul Yentes, Paul D.  
Truby, Max Finkhousen, LeRoy Timbrook.

Alternates - Virgil Montgomery, Robt. Schubel, Stanley Cole, Mark Snyder.  
DEACONESES: December 22, 24, 29.

Mrs. William Love

Mrs. W.J. Williams

GREETERS - December

Come-Double Class

Greeters - January : '58 Class.

Good wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Yentes, married November 23, in Fort Madison, Iowa. Mrs. Yentes (Suzanne Bragg) is the daughter of former members here, and Steve is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yentes.

Tom Penny was one of four Boy Scouts to receive the Eagle Award on December 13 in a Court of Honor held by the church-sponsored troop 57.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Ganter (former members) will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on December 24.

Congratulations and Best wishes!



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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR  
ARE SENT TO THE CONGREGATION BY THOSE WHO SERVE ON  
THE CHURCH STAFF:

*Miriam Bixlerman*

*Sara Likens*

*the Franklin McGuires*

*August Mueller*

*The Don Parlatto*  
*Mrs. V.*

*Mary Wagner*

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL THEIR FRIENDS IN THE

CHURCH have been received from ..... the Keebortz family, Rev. & Mrs. A.N. Shockney, Mr. & Mrs. Clair Buskirk, Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Montgomery, the Howard Tatro family, the Jack Weicker family, the Romane Cole family, Mrs. C.D. Palmer, the Terry King, Jr., family, Mrs. Arthur Richardson, Anita Fitch,

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1968

9:15 A.M. -Church School

10:30 A.M. - Service of Worship

(Nursery for children through age 3;  
NO Primary or Kindergarten expanded sessions today)

NO youth meetings this evening

Officers Serving December 29

ELDERS: Earl Plummer, Cecil Rice

Alternates - Kenneth Edwards, A.J. Powell

DEACONS: Captain, Thomas Frappier

Arthur Mowery, E.M. O'Laughlin, Ralph

Weesner, J.W. Lehman, Merle D. Rice,

Leon Johns, H.C. Banet, Marvin Crouse.

Alternates - W.H. Imbody, Ted Bryan,

Wm. Schilling, James Ruble.

Deaconesses- December 24, 29

Mrs. Wm. Love, Mrs. W.J. Williams

GREETERS -December, Come Double

January, '58 Class.

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Mr. & Mrs. L.M. Culbertson, Indpls., Mr  
& Mrs. Carl Linn, Mr. & Mrs. Elwood Par-  
ent, Mr. & Mrs. L.H. Higgins, Mr. & Mrs.  
A.W. Mowery, Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Gerrard,  
the Edwin Hall family, Mr. & Mrs. Ver-  
non Moore, Mr. & Mrs. Lee Fisher, Miss  
Becky Buskirk.

December 22, 1968

Church Attendance	355
Church School Attendance	169
Regular Church Offering	\$ 2352.63
Church School Offering)	307.74
Christmas offering )	207.00
U. C. F. A. & Bldg.	19.40
	<u>\$ 2886.77</u>

CWF.HIGDON Group will meet with  
Mrs. Katrina Reddin, 1920 Hobson Rd.,  
Thursday, January 2, 7:45 P.M. Program  
Mrs. Cline; Worship, Mrs. W.J. Williams.

C. Y. F. party at Mrs. Bixenman's, 1810  
Chartwell in Victoria Sq. just south of  
Paulding Rd., off Anthony, Saturday,  
December 28, at 8:00 P.M.

Young Adult Smorgasbord December 29  
in Fellowship Hall following morning  
worship.

New Years Eve. CYF party, at 9:00

Junior Adventure Time -meet at church  
Tuesday, December 31, to go to  
Mrs. Bixenman's for a holiday party.

Children are invited to bring a favorite  
gift received Christmas, for a service  
of gratitude and blessing, Sunday morn-  
ing, December 29.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Arthur Mowery spent several days in  
Lutheran Hospital. He is now at home.  
Lawrence Horn is in room 220, Park-  
view hospital.



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1 9 6 9 - "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown,' and he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than the known way.'" --Minnie L. Haskins. '08

**BASIC CLASSES TO BEGIN** - The first classes in "Basics for CLC" will begin on Sunday, January 12. These classes are to prepare us for the use of the new Christian Life Curriculum, which will be coming off the presses in 1969. We will begin using these materials by September 1969. These two classes will be at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Sunday. Now, on the very threshold of 1969 September seems a long way off, but it will soon be upon us. It is essential that every leader or person interested in the educational program of the church enroll in one of these classes. This should include board members, CWF and CMF leaders, church school teachers and prospective teachers, evening fellowship group sponsors, and any who ever lead a discussion or chair a committee in any phase of the church's life. Text books for the new courses have arrived and may be purchased for \$2.50, at the first class meeting. These two classes will be taught by Rev. McGuire and Mrs. Bixenman. You may enroll at either time, but it is essential that you do enroll. Additional classes will be formed if needed.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES** are arranged in alphabetical order in the church parlor for families who have not obtained their's.

**Additional Christmas Greetings** have come from Mrs. Leo Miller, Dr. & Mrs. H. Crowder and Mrs. C. E. Merryman.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 1969

9:15 A.M. - Church School

10:30 A.M. - Service of Worship

(Nursery for children through age 3.

There will be Primary and Kindergarten  
sessions this Sunday.

No Youth meetings or choirs this Sunday.

Officers Serving January 5.

ELDERS: William Crouse, Earl Plummer.

DEACONS: Frank M. Moody, LeRoy Tim-  
brook, Paul Yentes, Max Finkhousen;

Alternates - Virgil Montgomery, Robert  
Schubel, Stanley Cole, Mark Snyder.

DEACONESSES - January 5, 12, 19

Mrs. S. E. Merriman, Mrs. Earl Plummer.

GREETERS, January - '58 Class

Congratulations - Rosaleen A. Mote and  
Otto M. Abel were united in marriage on  
Sunday, November 10, 1968 at Rio Rancho  
Community Christian Church, Alameda,  
Arizona.

December 29, 1968

Church Attendance	201
Church School Attendance	117
Regular Church Offering	\$ 947.37
Church School Offering	49.16
Christmas Offering	95.00
	<u>\$ 1091.53</u>

Christian Women's Fellowship . . .

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs.  
Geo. Duncan, 4008 Mound Pass, Tuesday  
January 7, at 9 a.m. Program, Mrs. Chas.  
Dilts; worship, Mrs. Robert Ogles.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with  
Mrs. Claude McKenney, 3232 Diplomat  
Tuesday, January 7, at 1:30 PM. Program  
Mrs. Wm. Love; worship, Mrs. Wm. Cald-  
well.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. H.  
G. Helmuth, 1232 Fairfield, Wednesday,  
January 8, at 9 a.m. Program, Mrs. Dale  
Parkerson; Worship, Mrs. Fred Smell.

The DYE Group will meet at the church  
Wednesday, January 8, at 1:30 PM. Mrs.  
Dennis Andrew and Mrs. Elmer Darwach-  
ter, co-hostesses. Program, Mrs. E. N.  
Schlatter; Worship, Mrs. Elna Taylor.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs.  
Howard Overmyer, 920 Clayburn, Wed-  
nesday, January 8, at 8 P.M. Program,  
Mrs. Donald Davenport; Worship, Mrs.  
John Broom.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Donald  
Morganon the arrival of their daughter,  
Heather, December 27; and to Mr. and  
Mrs. John Arruza on the arrival of their  
son, John Phillip, December 31.

Mrs. Robert Chevalier is in #624, Luth-  
eran; Edson Dickey in #414, Lutheran;  
Lawrence Horn had surgery December 31  
at Parkview.

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## ONE MORE WORD: "THANKS!"

There is no "last word" about Christmas, for truly it is a new beginning. But there is one more word: one of appreciation for all that made December such a rewarding "month of Christmas worship."

The worship committee took primary responsibility for planning and coordinating all features and activities; Earl Plummer is chairman and members are the Edwin Allens, George Davises, Ray Fredericks, Floyd Morricals, Rufus Quinns, and Robert Rayls. Decorating of the sanctuary was by Mrs. Allen. George Bruckman and Max Finkhousen; other settings in corridors and entrances were the Wm. Caldwells, James Heavins, Robert Ogles, Merle Rices, James Rubles, Mrs. Henry Schryver, George Davises and George Bruckmans.

Excellent music was offered by the choirs - sanctuary, youth and bell - under Don Parlette's direction and accompanied by Mrs. Parlette at the organ. The brass quartet consisted of Susan Love, Jeff Olson, Mr. Parlette and Kerry Yeager of the Faith Lutheran Church. John Thompson was "narrator" for the cantata. All three Youth groups went caroling, and the CYF presented the Christmas Eve Service.

Families leading activity after the Christmas supper were the Orie McDouglles, Rolland Ripples, James Rubles, Robert Urichs and Ted Bryans; Marvin Crouse was "M.C."

Families lighting candles on the Advent Wreath were the Ralph Churchs and Mark Snyders; Ted Bryans; Hugh Rices, Merle Rices, and Larry Andersons; and William Loves.

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Young people taking roles of "personalities around the Nativity" were Barbara Love, Mary Jenkins, Scott Rayl and Rick Hendricks. Helping with costumes were Mrs. William Love, Mrs. Vaught, Mrs. Hugh Rice, Mrs. Robert Hendricks, Miss Mildred Hartman, Miss Mildred Hutchinson and Mrs. Robert Rayl. Helping 'back stage' were Greg Allen, Nathan Love and Nick Church.

The White Gifts were carried out, unwrapped and sorted by the Chi Rhos, then delivery of six large cartons to the Christmas Bureau was attended to by George Warren and Ray Fredericks. 45 pairs of sox and 23 pairs of mittens were sent to the Cleveland Home by children's classes. \$650.00 was sent to the Benevolent Homes, including \$200 received from 75 greetings sent to the whole church by families.

Much additional service was given by ushers, by deaconesses, those 'hosting' coffee hours, and other church officers. Mrs. Bixenman and Mrs. Vaught were caught up in nearly everything, giving all kinds of help. And as the month ended, Earl Plummer and Jim (home for Christmas from Military Service) and Gus Mueller put the building back in order.

--Franklin R. McGuire

#### PERSONAL MENTION

Congratulations to Thomas and Marilyn Frappier in the arrival of a little daughter, Mary Sharon, on January 6, 1969

Word comes from Howard Wise of the death of his wife, Mary Jane, last April Burial was at Anderson. The family were former members of this church.

There is nothing so costly as ignorance. --Horace Mann.

#### REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Representatives from our church are asked to attend a regional assembly of Christian Churches from districts 1, 2, 4 and 5, on Saturday, February 1, at Rochester. People wanted at the meeting are delegates to the state convention, officers of the board, members of outreach and stewardship committees, and officers of CWF, CMF and CYF. Any others are welcome. The meeting from 10:00 until 4:00, is to evaluate Operation Partnership and plan for its completion by mid-1970.

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WEEK OF PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY ..... Protestants, Roman Catholics and Orthodox Christians will share in many services of worship during the week of January 18-25. Several such services will be held in Fort Wayne our congregation is invited to the one on Sunday evening, January 18 at 7:30 in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 4525 Arlington, Msgr. Manoski, host pastor. Bishop Pursley will preach.

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ASSOCIATED CHURCHES ANNUAL MEETING .... The annual business meeting for reports and planning by the Associated Churches will be held on Monday evening, January 27 at 6:30 at St. John's United Church of Christ. Articles of reorganization will be voted upon. The program will be presented by the Radio and TV department. This is the 25th anniversary year of the organization of the Associated Churches.

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PUT IT IN YOUR CALENDAR for 1969  
This year's assembly of Christian Churches in Indiana will be in Indianapolis, April 17-19

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## OUR CHURCH SCHOOL -

### A HAPPENING

Children in the first, second and third grades need a background out of which they may accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. The Primary child's world is an expanding one. Each day, week, and month brings new persons, objects, and experiences into his life. He wants to explore these and experiment with them. So adults who work, pray, and play with these children, bring them the Good News that Jesus is Lord of their personal history also. For example, in January primary children will learn about Jesus. The lesson titles indicate the growth in understanding and application: Grade 1 - "Stories of Jesus"; Grade 2 - "When Jesus Was a Boy"; and Grade 2 - "Helpers of Jesus".

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### BASICS FOR NEW CURRICULUM ...

The classes in "Basics for Christian Life Curriculum (CLC)" will both begin this Sunday, January 12. Both will meet in Mrs. Bixenman's office. The first will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m., the second immediately following the youth meeting, at 6:30 p.m. You may enroll in either class. No advance registration is necessary. These classes are to prepare all of our adults, especially those with any leadership responsibility, for the use of our new curriculum, which will be ready for use next September. This is an "across the board" curriculum and every area of our church life will be affected by it, so we all need to be well prepared for its use.

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CYF .... Our CYFers will be going to Pokagon Park for a Toboggan Party this Saturday morning, January 11. We will leave the church at 8:00 a.m. Be sure to come warmly dressed and ready for  
(next column)

fun. Bring money for tobogganing and for your lunch. There will be a regular CYF meeting here at the church this Sunday evening, January 12, at the usual 5:30 hour. Ross Nierman will show slides of our activities he took during the past year.

CHI RHO ... Chi Rho Fellowship will resume regular meetings this Sunday evening, January 12, at 5:30. This will be a planning meeting, with Steve and Sharon Morehouse in charge. We will dismiss promptly at 6:30.

YOUTH CHOIRS ... The Bell Choir will rehearse at 4:00 P.M. this Sunday, January 12 and each Sunday thereafter. Youth Choir will rehearse at 5:00 each Sunday, with regular rehearsals resuming this week. Please plan to be on time, so that rehearsal can begin promptly and dismiss promptly. When you are late to choir, this runs the total youth program late. We need to keep on schedule..

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A six-week course on "Negro History and Heritage, from Pre-slavery Africa to the Present Time" will be offered at the YWCA, 325 West Wayne Street, beginning Wednesday, January 15, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Mr. Carl A. Benson will be the teacher. The course is free and the usual membership requirement has been waived to make it available as a public service to the total Fort Wayne Community.

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Teaching is not a flow of words, nor the draining of an hour glass, but an effectual procuring that a man comes to know something he knew not before, or to know it better.

--Robert South

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1969

8:00 Basics for the new CLC, class

9:15 - Church School

10:30 - Service of Worship

(Nursery for children through age 3)

There will be Primary and Kindergarten expanded sessions.

Junior Adventure Time at 5:00 p.m.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Taylor on the arrival of their son, Larry, on January 4.

Mrs. Cecil Rice was in Lutheran Hospital for a few days last week.

In Parkview: J.W. "Bill" Lehman, #424; Mrs. Ernest Tatman, #746; Mrs. Thomas Frappier, # 214.

Sympathy is offered to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beachley in the loss of their infant son on December 31, and to Mrs. Walter Keebortz in the death of a brother.

January 5, 1969

Church Attendance	248
Church School Attendance	194
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1760.48
Church School Offering	66.01
Christmas Offering	5.00
Building Fund	10.15
	<hr/> \$ 1841.64

Balance due Memorial Trust Fund ...  
\$10,200.00

### Officers Serving January 12

ELDERS: Andrew Cook, B.W. Leversee

Alternates: Robert Rayl, W.C. Birkhold

DEACONS: Captain, Thomas Frappier

Frank M. Moody, Max Finkhousen,

LeRoy Timbrook, Paul Yentes.

Alternates: W.H. Imbody, William J.

Schilling, James Ruble, Ted. Bryan.

DEACONESES: January 12, 19

Mrs. S.E. Merriman, Mrs. Earl Plummer

GREETERS January - '58 Class

### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Miss Ethel Shroyer, 4821 Tacoma, Monday, January 13 at 8 p.m. Program by Mrs. O. R. Kuhlman, Worship, Miss Fay Woodhull.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Monette Wetzel, 4601 Kekionga dr. Apt. 1, Tuesday, January 14 at 8 p.m. Program, Mrs. Harold Nordblom, Worship, Mrs. John Olson.

The JUNIOR ADVENTURE fellowship is beginning a study of the Jewish religion during January. Paralleling is a deeper study of our own religion. Juniors will meet at 5:00 in the 4th grade room. Bring records, men's hose, ivory soap and bottles.



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## "THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE ..."

Two opportunities for attention to the "oneness" we share within Christian faith will be provided this Sunday, January 19:

1. During the morning service of worship at 10:30 a guest minister will preach on "The Maturity to Manifest our Oneness"; he will be Rev. John Norton Williams of Anderson, who is serving on the staff of the Indiana Association of Christian Churches. Until recently he was executive secretary of the Arkansas Council of Churches, and prior to that was minister of First Christian Church, New Castle; he served three Kentucky churches, including Mr. McGuire's home-church at Mt. Sterling. A native of Detroit and a "Timothy" of Central-Woodward, Mr. Williams is a graduate of Transylvania and University of Chicago Divinity School.
2. Our church is urged to attend the service for "The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" at 7:30 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 4525 Arlington. Bishop Pursley will preach at this union service. Protestants, Roman Catholics and Orthodox Christians will gather at a church somewhere in the city each night, Jan. 18-25.

While it isn't nice to say "put up or shut up", these are opportunities in worship to emphasize our "plea for Christian unity".

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REGIONAL ASSEMBLY for board officers, outreach and stewardship committees, CWF and CMF officers, at Rochester on Saturday, February 1.

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES annual meeting on January 27, 6:30, at St. John's United Church of Christ. Reservations are needed.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1969

8:00 a.m. Basics for the New CLC Class.  
(Mrs. Bixenman's Office)

9:15 - The Church's School

10:30 - Service of Worship  
(Nursery for children through age 3)

10:30 - Primary and Kindergarten expanded sessions.

5:00 - Junior Adventure Time

5:30 - Chi Rho and CYF. CYF program by  
Nancy Lambick and Sally Ellenwood.  
CYF Tobogganing party rescheduled for  
Saturday, January 25.

CHOIRS - 5:00 P.M. Youth Choir, this  
Sunday. SANCTUARY Choir - Thursday,  
7:30.

6:30 p.m. Basics for the New CLC class.  
(Mrs. Bixenman's Office)

PARKING ENTRANCE: May we suggest  
that on slick days, cars entering the parking  
lot, use the Pettit and Calhoun entrances,  
not the up-hill Maple Grove entrance.  
2:00 p.m. Monday, new class for CLC

January 12, 1969

Church Attendance	272
Church School Attendance	187
Regular Church Offering	1308.06
Church School Offering	64.93
Christmas Offering	1.00
Building Fund	4.00
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	\$ 1377.94

Officers Serving January 19

ELDERS: Alfred Schell, John Merrill  
Alternates: John Thompson, David Griggs

DEACONS: Captain, Thomas Frappier  
A. W. Mowery, E. M. O'Laughlin, Ralph  
Weesner, Merle Rice, Leon Johns, Herbert  
Banet, Marvin Crouse.

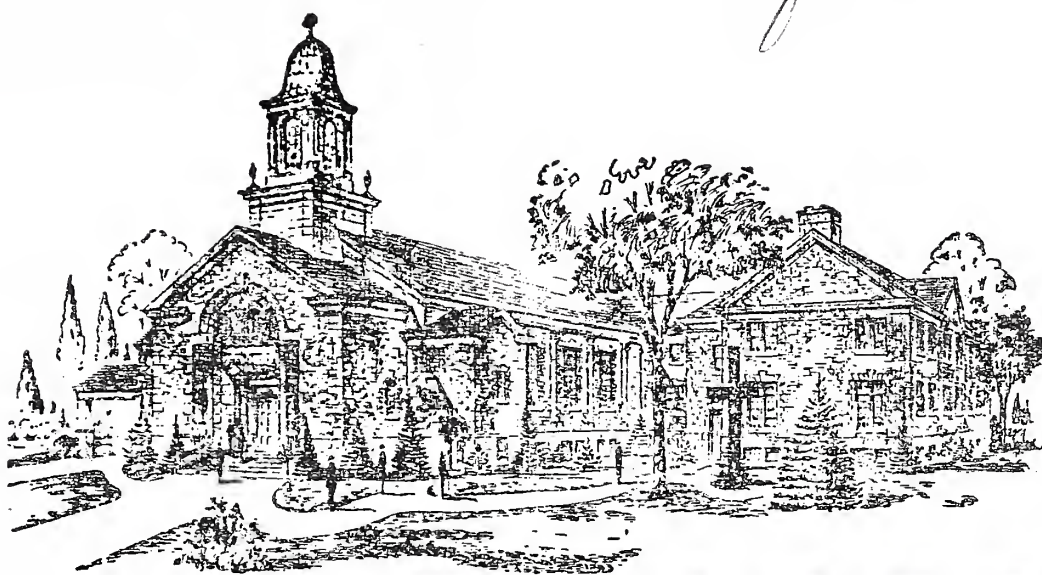
Alternates: Wm. Wilson, Wayne Penny,  
Robert Westerfield, Romane Cole.

DEACONESSES: January 19 -  
Mrs. S. E. Merriman, Mrs. E. A. Plummer  
GREETERS January - '58 Class

CWF - General Meeting, Tuesday, Jan.  
21, 1969 at 1:00 PM. Program and Worship,  
"Wherever We Are", McGavren Group;  
Montgomery Group, hostesses;  
Kepple Group, refreshments.

### OUR CHURCH SCHOOL - A HAPPENING . . . . .

To be 9, 10, or 11, is to be hungry for  
knowledge, and eager for experience  
that puts meaning into words. Juniors  
want it to happen; they want to do it.  
They are keenly interested in the Bible  
a Book telling of people who have gone  
places, done things, who have had an  
exciting relationship with a God who is  
real and alive. This January, Juniors in  
our Church's School can look forward  
to 3 exciting teaching-learning settings:  
4th grade will study "The Life of Jesus";  
5th Grade, "The Story the Bible Tells";  
6th Grade during January, February, and  
March will study "Some Christian Beliefs  
and Practices",



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## COME NOW, LET US REJOIN TOGETHER

What a terrible pun! Whether in a poor play on words, or in Isaiah's appeal (1:18) quoted often by our brand-new ex-president, either message is appropriate to a regional assembly of Christian Churches called for Saturday, February 1, at Rochester. Congregations in districts 1, 2, 4 and 5, are asked to send representatives to the 10:00 meeting; those specifically wanted are board officers, members of outreach and stewardship committees, and officers of CWF and CMF. Three such assemblies will be held across the state, in which each church is to learn more of the condition of the Christian mission within Indiana, and to make a forthright appraisal of the church's program: its progress and weakness, and what its needs and future may be. We are to "reason together".

Dr. T.J. Liggett, new president of the United Christian Missionary Society, will speak twice; he served several years as missionary in South America, as president of Union Seminary in Puerto Rico, and recently in administrative duties. Representatives from agencies supported by our stewardship efforts, and Indiana staff members will share in the day's program, to conclude at 4:00. Any and all interested church members are welcome to attend the assembly. Reservations for the noon meal are needed, and may be made by notifying our church office.

Six hours of a Saturday is a long time. Perhaps too many of our church meetings are too long! But there is an urgency to this one that needs the attention and reasoning together of responsible church people. "Come now, let us.."

#### PRAYER FOR UNITY SERVICE

If you have not attended one of the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" services this week, (only about 10 persons from our church were at the excellent service at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Sunday!) join in one at 7:30 this week: Thursday - Bethlehem Lutheran, 3705 So. Anthony.  
Friday - St. Alban's Episcopal, 8840 St. Joe Road  
Saturday - West Creighton Christian, when Mrs. Mae Yoho Ward will speak. Mrs. Ward has just retired as vice-president of UCMS, and has served the So. American mission field.

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#### ASSOCIATED CHURCHES MEETING

Reservations may still be made for the annual dinner meeting of the Associated Churches, Monday, January 27, at St. John's United Church of Christ, Washington and Webster Sts. Program will feature use of radio and TV in communicating the Gospel. Business includes reports from departments for the year, action on Articles of Reorganization, and election of officers. Tickets are \$2.00.

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#### PROGRAM OF MUSIC - MARCH 9

Hold the afternoon of Sunday, Mar. 9, for a program of fine music to be presented by an outstanding bell choir. These touring musicians will appear in our sanctuary at 4:00 that day.

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#### DISTRICT CABINET - Jan. 29

District 1 cabinet of representatives from each of the churches will meet in Kendallville on Wednesday evening January 29, at 6:30.

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#### CHRISTIAN MEN'S MEETING ....

The Indiana Christian Men's Fellowship is sponsoring a retreat for church men at Yokefellow Institute, Richmond Indiana, February 7 -9.  
Theme: "Creative Tension"

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#### PEOPLE IN CRISIS ....

James MacCracken, Executive Director, Church World Service, has this to say about "The Nigerian - Biafran tragedy: It cannot under any circumstances be viewed as a crisis of limited duration, but must be seen and understood as a 'long haul'. If peace comes today, tomorrow, or next month, the churches will face an enormous problem in attempting to cope with the misery of a shattered humanity that has gone through, and will continue to go through, starvation, illness and death on a mass scale."

In the Nigeria-Biafra emergency, Church World Service has met and continues to make every effort to reach victims of the civil war on both sides of the line. It has established a base of operation in Lagos on the federal side as well as Fernando Po and Sao Tome. Our main concern is and will continue to be to meet human need.  
**THE CHURCHES ACT!**

With the establishment of Nordchurchaid in the middle of August, as of September 21, a total of 206 successful flights of food out of the islands of Fernando Po and Sao Tome comprising more than 2,000 tons of high protein foods, medicines and other vital supplies delivered directly into Biafra and distributed from the points of landing to those Biafrans most desperately in need of help.... Church World Service through its supporting denominations provided funds (\$125,000) to sustain the Mercy Air-bridge.

### BASICS FOR CLC CLASSES

The third Basics for the Christian Life Curriculum class began last Monday afternoon and meets each Monday from 2:00 - 3:00 in Mrs. Bixenman's office. It is still possible to enroll in this class. To do so, simply come next Monday afternoon. The other two classes continue to meet on Sundays at 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 P.M.

### YOUTH NOTES

The Youth Choir will sing at the Morning Worship Service this Sunday, January 20. Be sure to be robed early! The Bell Choir will rehearse at 4:00 p.m. and the Youth Choir at 5:00 on Sunday.

Chi Rho Fellowship will meet in the Chi Rho room at 5:30 as usual. Be sure to come and see the picture presented to us last Sunday for our contribution last year to the Come Double Class Korean Orphan.

Junior Adventure Time will meet at 5:00 p.m. this Sunday. Everyone is needed to go to the play. The parents are asked to come next Sunday, Feb. 2, at 6:00 for a visit.

CYF has re-scheduled their Toboggan Party, postponed from two weeks ago, for this Saturday, January 25. Meet at the church at 8:30 a.m., dressed warmly. Bring ice skates, sleds, skis, etc. Cost is \$1.00 per hour for the toboggan (for 4 people) plus 10¢ per ride down the slide. Also bring money for a hot lunch.

CYF regular Sunday evening meeting will be at 5:30. Ross Niernan WILL show his slides of our past year's activities this Sunday.

Any 11th or 12th grader interested in

attending the International Affairs Seminar in New York and Washington D.C. March 14-22, should contact Mrs. Bixenman at once. Cost is \$150.00.

### CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

January 19, 1969

Classes	Att.	Off.
Friendly	13	5.00
Progressive	21	9.25
Come Double	13	8.50
Berean	9	3.17
'53	22	12.75
Pairs & Spares	3	1.00
MIG	2	.75
High School	17	4.01
Junior High	18	3.15
Junior	24	6.06
Primary	21	5.59
Kindergarten	10	1.35
Nursery 2-4	9	1.36
Babes & Toddlers	4	.50
		186 \$ 62.44

### WEEK OF COMPASSION

February 16 - 23

OUR ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

OUR GOAL in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is \$840,000 for ministries of compassion:

BE involved in your world.

WITNESS your faith.

EXPRESS Christian compassion

GIVE one day's pay or more.

One Great Hour of Sharing is your "direct line" to the body and soul of a starving Asian child; that eager African youngster who wants books to learn from shoes to trod the stony road to school; that Arab refugee, widow mother and her fatherless children who need more than a flimsy tent to survive; that Latin American farmer who desperately needs seed and fertilizer.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1969

8:00 a.m. Basics for the new CLC Class.

(Mrs. Bixenman's Office)

9:15 - The Church's School

10:30 - Service of Worship

(Nursery for children through age 3)

10:30 - Primary and Kindergarten expanded sessions.

5:00 Junior Adventure Time

5:30 - Chi Rho

5:30 - CYF - Ross Nierman will show slides

### CHOIRS:

4:00 - Bell Choir

5:00 - Youth Choir

Sanctuary Choir - 7:30 on Thursday

6:30 - Class on Basics for CLC . . .

Monday - 2:00 - Basics for CLC Class.

Men must be governed by God, or  
they will be ruled by tyrants.

-- William Penn

January 19, 1969

Church Attendance	255
Church School Attendance	186
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1408.31
Church School Offering	62.44
	<u>\$ 1470.75</u>

Balance due Memorial Trust Fund . . .  
\$ 10,200.00

Officers Serving January 26,

ELDERS: Fred Smell - David Hogg

Alternates - Myron Cole, Rufus Quinn

DEACONS: Captain, Thomas Frappier

A. W. Mowery, E. M. O'Laughlin, Ralph

Weesner, Merle Rice, Herbert Banet,

Leon Johns, Marvin Croise.

Alternates: James Heavin, John Varner

George Davis, Vernon Moore.

DEACONESES: January 26, Feb. 2, 9

Mrs. Hendricks Love; Mrs. R. Hendricks.

GREETERS: January '53 Class

February greeters: Progressive Class

### PERSONAL MENTION

The Chancel flowers for Sunday, Jan.,  
26, were given by Mr. and Mrs. Leon  
Johns, in memory of Mrs. Johns mother  
Mrs. Laura Gildea.

### In hospitals:

Parkview - Mr. L. A. Horn

St. Joseph's - Mrs. Edna Clark - 409

Lutheran - Mrs. Olive Roy - 639

Congratulations and best wishes go to

Mr. & Mrs. Edw. Thornburg (Judy Merrill)

in the birth of a daughter, Jenefer, on

January 15, 1969. Mr. and Mrs. John

Merrill are the proud grandparents.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Ben Tay-  
lor in the death of her father on Sunday.



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## MISSION/COMMISSION

"The Indiana Christian" for January has on its front page pictures of six persons who are "Partners in Missions"; they are new missionary partners for churches in our state, continuing a policy of reassignment of these committed servants as representatives from different church regions. The purpose is to permit us to know as many of our missionaries as possible, to learn of their areas of work and the people and churches there, and to create a close relationship with them in our mission.

It takes two - or more - to have a partnership, which implies that WE are the other Partner in Mission. These six persons have very actively taken on the Great Commission, and have gone to the Philippines and to Africa. Not all of us can "go (so far) into all the world" - but we can be far more informed about mission, become deeply concerned within the needs and opportunities of that mission, then be fully committed by maintaining our share of the partnership.

February will be a month of attention to the task of the church, for mission is its most valid reason for existing. "15 Days to Widen our World" will begin on Sunday, February 9, when a visiting resource person will help introduce our outreach emphasis. These 15 days will incorporate the Week of Compassion, February 16-23, when we have opportunity to respond to human need by giving an offering. A family-night supper is tentatively scheduled for the evening of February 23, to be the climax to these "15 Days."

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. George Duncan, 4008 Mound Pass, Tuesday, February 4, at 9:00 a.m. Program by Mrs. Charles Dilts; Worship, Mrs. A. N. Shockney.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. James Heavin, 304 E. Maple Grove Tuesday, February 4, at 1:30. Program Mrs. Wm. Love; Worship, Mrs. Wm. Caldwell.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Dale Parkerson, 3216 Crescent Ave., Wednesday, February 5, at 9:00 a.m. Program, Mrs. Parkerson; Worship, Mrs. Elwood Parent.

The DYE Group will meet at the church Wednesday, February 5, at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Thos. Wunderlich, hostess; Program, Mrs. Ross Firestone; Worship by Mrs. Elmer Darwachter.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Walter J. Williams, 6710 S. Calhoun Thursday, February 6 at 8:00 P.M. Program, Mrs. Robert Clipp; worship Mrs. Virgil Montgomery.

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CWF EXECUTIVE - A special Executive meeting is called for Monday evening, February 3, at 7:30 P.M. at the church.

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CHURCH ENVELOPES are provided for your convenience: we urge you whenever possible, when mailing your tithes and offerings, to send along your church envelope; also use them, when possible on Sunday. Thank you .

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Week of Compassion - One Great Hour of Sharing helps to provide a kindergarten and "after school" service for children in the village of Scicili in Sicily. Large numbers of children spend their lives in the streets with little or no care.

## ASSEMBLY AT ROCHESTER

Several persons from our church will attend the regional assembly of Christian Churches at Rochester this Saturday, February 1, beginning at 10:00. The meeting, one of three in Indiana, has been called by Dr. John Harms, state secretary, and the board of the Indiana Association of Christian Churches, to evaluate the life and work of the program in the state, and to stress needs and means of meeting them.

Dr. T.J. Liggett, new president of U.C.M.S., will speak, and representatives of agencies supported by churches will participate in the program.

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### BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

Boy Scout Sunday will be observed in our church on February 2, when leaders and Scouts will attend worship in uniform. Troop 57 is sponsored by First Christian Church, and meets on Friday evenings in Fellowship Hall. The new charter for the troop will be presented by the assistant district executive. Men of our church who work most directly are Max Finkhousen, Wayne Penny and Fred Smell. Max Papazian is Scoutmaster.

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### BI-MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS ..

The church board will meet on an alternating month schedule during this half-year, according to action at the last meeting. Purpose is to encourage more active program as planned by the church cabinet and functional committees. Therefore the board will meet one month and the cabinet and/or committees meet the other month. The cabinet will meet on Tuesday, February 4, at 7:30; it is composed of chairmen of committees and officers of organizations.

## YOUTH MEETINGS and CHOIRS ....

All Youth groups and both the Youth choir and Bell choir will meet this Sunday at the usual hour. Check the calendar found elsewhere in this and every issue of TIDINGS for times.

Chi Rho Fellowship will be seeing the first part of a two part film, "Somebody's Cheating!". In addition to this, Chi Rhoers are urged to be on hand Sunday for this meeting and to look forward to something very special! We'll be expecting you.

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## REPORT ON BASICS FOR CLC CLASSES

At this writing, we have three classes in "Basics for the New Christian Life Curriculum" in progress. There are now a total of 30 persons currently enrolled. In addition to this, there are two persons studying at home, plus one cottage study group using the material, making a full total of 42 persons. If there are others who would be interested in a "Basics" course, but who cannot come at the 8:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. Sunday, or the 2:00 p.m. Monday classes, be sure to contact Mrs. Bixenman, as still another class could be formed if there was sufficient interest. Everyone, whether enrolled in a "Basics" class or not, or whether you are teaching, or even enrolled in a regular Church School class is urged to save Sunday afternoon April 27 for a "Come and See" Convocation, when we will be able to actually see and handle the new materials for the first time.

## IRAN EARTHQUAKE .....

The Iran earthquake that struck last summer killed between 10 to 12 thousand and made 20 to 25 thousand homeless. The WEEK of COMPASSION special Emergency Fund makes it possible

## ASSOCIATED CHURCHES

Reports on a busy and good year were made at the annual meeting of the Associated Churches, held on January 27. 61 churches now cooperate in this program which has served approximately 25 years, and has offices on Highway 24 West. Mrs. William Love is a member of its board, and Hugh D. Rice was on the committee that prepared articles of reorganization; it is now the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne AND Allen County. Our church contributed \$1630. last year, through our budget and CWF; There were also individual gifts from members.

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## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

January 26, 1969

Class	Att.	Off.
Friendly	9	2.75
Progressive	30	25.25
Come Double	14	11.00
Berean	14	6.00
'58	18	11.25
High School	17	2.65
Junior High	17	2.60
Junior Dept.	21	6.66
Primary	19	3.95
Kindergarten	12	2.04
Nursery 2-4	5	.80
Babes & Toddlers	4	.75
	180	\$ 75.80

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to respond to aid victims of disasters that strike during the year. \$1,000 was sent from this fund to assist in providing three fully equipped clinics. Cooking equipment was also made available to families that lost everything.

Included in the Week of Compassion budget is \$12,000 for the Church World Service Disaster Fund. This makes it possible for Church World Service to respond to emergencies around the world.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1969

8:00 a.m. - Basics for the new CLC Class.

9:15 - The Church's School

10:30 - Service of Worship

(Nursery for children through age 3)

10:30 - Primary and Kindergarten expanded sessions.

5:00 - Junior Adventure Time (Parents to visit at 6:00)

5:30 - Chi Rho

5:30 - CYF

#### CHOIRS:

4:00 - Bell Choir

5:00 - Youth Choir

Thursday, 7:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir  
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6:30 - Class on Basics for CLC

Monday - 2:00 p.m. Basics for CLC Class.

You don't get much done by starting tomorrow.

January 26, 1969

Church Attendance	273
Church School attendance	180
Regular Church Offering	913.00
Church School Offering	75.80
Building Fund	2.00
	<u>\$ 990.80</u>

Balance due Memorial Trust Fund ...  
\$9,000.00

### Officers Serving February 2:

ELDERS: Herman Weber, Ralph Church

Alternates - Glenn Miller,  
Harold Crowder

DEACONS: Captain, Edwin Allen

Robt. Hendricks, Richard Burkett, John  
Hechler, Donald Miller, Robert Ogles,  
Arthur Huddleston, Norman Strayer, Orie  
McDougle.

Alternates: Frank Moody, LeRoy  
Timbrook.

DEACONESSSES: February 2, 9

Mrs. H. P. Love; Mrs. R. Hendricks

GREETERS: February - Progressive Cl.

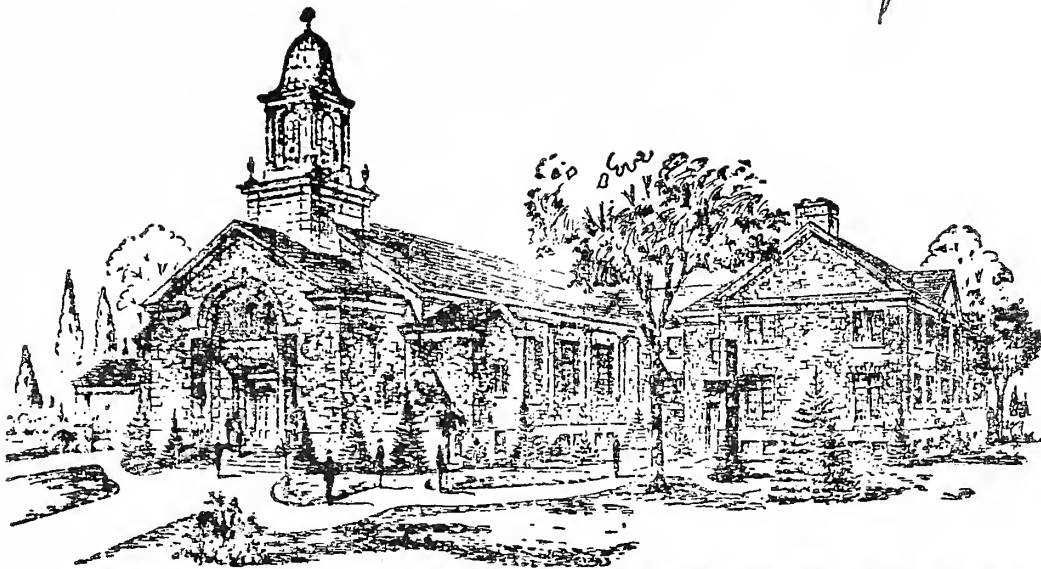
Junior Adventure Time youth are asked to meet at 5:00 promptly, in 4th grade room. Parents are asked to come at 6:00 o'clock to share in the program and worship their children have prepared.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Tom Rayl was in Lutheran Hospital for surgery last week.

Mrs. Ethel Koontz is now at home after spending several weeks in hospital.

*Felix*



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## "15 DAYS TO WIDEN OUR WORLD"

A small boy became so curious about the world in which he lived that his father gave him a globe. Together they studied the continents and nations, the oceans and islands. Moreover, they learned about the people who lived in scattered places - their differences and ways of living. His interest grew, and the globe became the boy's favorite possession. He carried it to bed with him, and held it until falling asleep. His father tip-toed in and slipped the globe from his arms, but the boy roused enough to ask, "What are you going to do with my world?"

Such a question is asked by each generation of the other, until it behooves us to consider with all wisdom and faith what we will do with our world. It seems to shrink, when astronauts zip around it several times in 24 hours; the problems of distance, space and communication narrow. But the problems among people persist: we narrow our perspective of our fellowman, in distrust and fear; we isolate our concern; inner space is a barrier to be broken so the Spirit of God can fill us, and communication of genuine feelings and hope is more difficult to share than accomplishing the feat of bouncing sound off satellites.

"15 Days to Widen our World" will begin February 9, to include three Sundays and incorporating the Week of Compassion. These days will increase our knowledge, widen the horizons of our concern, and enlarge our Christian response.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
Monthly Group Meetings

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Max Finkhousen, 4110 Lillie St., Tuesday, February 11 at 8 p.m. Program by Mrs. Wm. Wetzel; Worship by Mrs. James Ruble.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Harold Crowder, 447 Lenox Ave., Wednesday, February 12, at 8 P.M. Program by Mrs. Donald Davenport; Worship by Mrs. John Broom.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. Owen Vaught, 4035 Fairfield Monday, February 10 at 8:00 p.m. Program, Miss Mildred Hutchinson; Worship, Mrs. Charles Dare.

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General CWF, February 18.

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YOUTH MEETINGS AND CHOIRS

All choirs and fellowship groups will follow the regular schedule this Sunday, with the Bell Choir rehearsing at 4:00, the Youth Choir at 5:00, and Chi Rho and CYF both meeting from 5:30 - 6:30. Chi Rho will see the second part of the film, "Somebody's Cheating".

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Attending the regional assembly of Christian Churches at Rochester on Saturday were: Mrs. George Bruckman, Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, Mrs. Owen Vaught, Ralph Church, Robert Hendricks, and Franklin McGuire. 160 were present for this first of three such assemblies in Indiana this month.

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Mrs. Don Parlette, our organist, fell on the icy pavement last week and broke a wrist. Mrs. George Davis served as organist last Sunday.

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"15 Days to Widen our World"

To launch these "15 days", Byron L. Spice will bring the message this Sunday during the 10:30 service of worship. A native of Warsaw, Indiana he is now director of program services department of Home Mission Ministries of U.C.M.S. He served as missionary in Mexico for several years, and for one term in Paraguay. Mrs. Spice has spoken here. One CWF group bears their name.

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FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER - February 23

Plans are being made for a family-night fellowship supper on Sunday evening February 23, to conclude our "15 Days to Widen our World". Beginning at 5:30 with a covered-dish supper, this church-wide activity will take the place of youth meetings and the CLC class that evening. Further announcement will be made next week concerning the program, and arrangements for the meal.

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BELL CHOIR CONCERT

A concert will be presented in our sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, March 9, by the Emmanuel Lutheran Bell Choir from Napoleon, Ohio, at 4:00. This expert bell choir, which is composed of ten young men, has toured widely and was invited to appear at the White House last year. Families will enjoy this program, to which the public is also invited.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Crowell, 1214 Scott Avenue, in the birth of a daughter January 24. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Crowell are the grandparents.

## MRS. BIXENMAN TO ATTEND CONFERENCE ....

Beginning this Friday, February 7 thru February 13, Mrs. Bixenman will be in Chicago attending a set of educational conferences. Friday through Sunday she will attend the annual meeting of those professionally engaged in Christian Education in the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ). Theme of this meeting will be "The Church and the Arts". The remainder of the conference will be interdenominational under the auspices of the National Council of Churches.

Theme of these meetings will be "Man and the City". This conference is to be totally different from any our Christian Educators have previously held. Instead of sitting in stuffy hotel conference rooms, the group may find themselves walking the streets of a Chicago ghetto, or accompanying a day laborer in search of a job, or engaging in intense conversation with a black Chicagoan about the effects of racism. The purpose of the conference is to help educators become sensitive to the plight of people on the bottom of the economic heap, to see the problems these people face in trying to build decent lives for themselves, to gain insight into "the system" of social structures in today's society, and to gain insights and skills that will better enable them to work in their own communities toward systems that will better enable man to develop his own humanity, no matter where he stands on the social scale.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

The sympathy of the church is extended to Edwin R. Allen and family in the death of his father last week in Indianapolis.

## "WHEN DID WE SEE THEE HUNGRY?!"

Spindly limbs, swollen abdomens, staring eyes and weak cries reach us from all quarters of the world. These are the hungry among our fellowmen, in India Biafra, or in the Mississippi Delta area.

Some cities are collecting food for shipping directly to hungry people in our own country. Since Fort Wayne is not such a collection center, money can be sent for the purchase of canned, staple and fresh foods in Mississippi, and to allow poor people to purchase government food stamps. These stamps multiply the value of such contributions greatly: for about 50¢ per person, a month's supply of food stamps can be purchased by these poverty-stricken people. Money can be sent to the Brethren Service Center, 201 South Main Nappanee, Indiana, 46550; make checks payable to: "Hunger Project - 1969".

Our Week of Compassion offering on February 23 will also be a means of ministering to the world's hungry.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

February 2, 1969

Class	Att.	Off.
Friendly	11	3.10
Progressive	27	10.25
Come Double	18	10.80
Berean	10	3.75
'58	9	5.00
Pairs & Spares	6	3.00
High School	16	4.51
Junior High	13	2.70
Junior Dept.	24	6.51
Primary	20	6.86
Kindergarten	11	2.04
Nursery 2-4	6	1.39
Babes & Toddlers	3	.25
	174	\$ 58.68

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1969

8:00 a.m. - Basics for the new CLC Class

9:15 - The Church's School

10:30 - Service of Worship

(Nursery for children through age 3)

10:30 - Primary and Kindergarten  
expanded sessions.

5:00 - Junior Adventure Time -  
Mr. Hugh Rice, speaker

5:30 - Chi Rho

5:30 CYF

### CHOIRS:

4:00 p.m. - Bell Choir

5:00 p.m. - Youth Choir

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sanctuary Choir

6:30 p.m. Sunday, Basics for CLC.

Junior Adventure Time members are re-  
minded to bring their plastic soap bottles  
We are beginning a new craft this week.  
Mr. Hugh Rice is to be a guest of the  
group.

February 2, 1969

Church Attendance	289
Church School Attendance	174
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1423.82
Church School Offering	58.68
Building Fund	8.25
Week of Compassion	5.00
	<u>\$ 1495.75</u>

Balance due Memorial Trust Fund ..  
\$ 9,000.00

Officers Serving February 9

ELDERS: Cecil Rice, Eugene Klepfer

Alternates: S.E. Merriman,

Robert Chevalier

DEACONS: Junior Deacons are sched-  
uled to serve this week.

DEACONESSES: February 9

Mrs. H.P. Love; Mrs. R.N. Hendricks

GREETERS: February -

Progressive Class

### PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Eva Fisher is in 712 Parkview

Robert Craig is in 521 St. Joseph's

Mrs. Jack Phillips is in 861 Lutheran

Mr. L.A. Horn is still in Parkview

Mrs. Ollie Wiley is in 503 St. Joseph's

Mrs. Wiley is Mrs. H. Stevenson's  
mother.

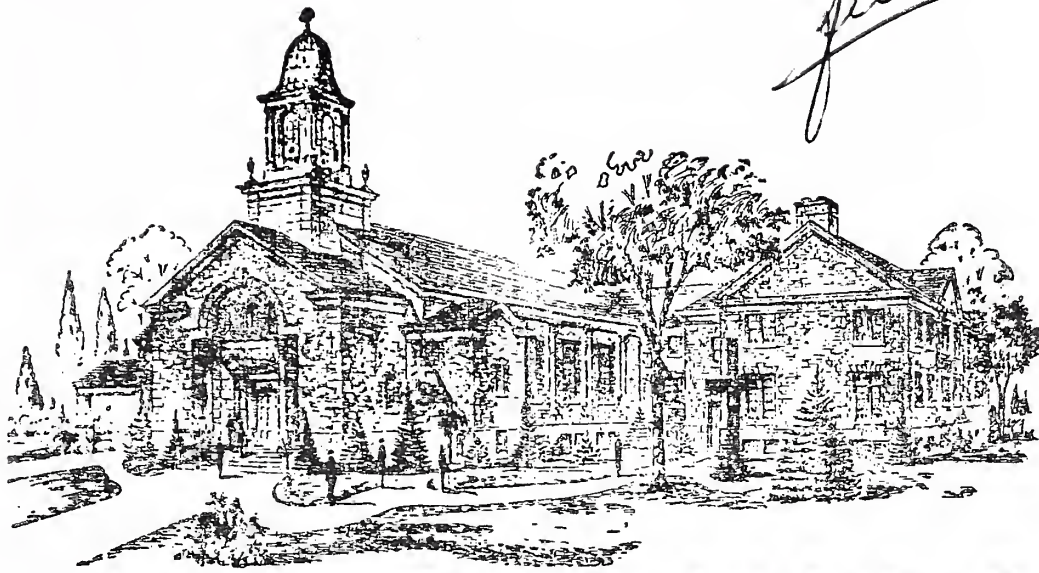
Mrs. Don Parlette suffered a broken  
wrist last week.

### CHURCH DIRECTORIES

There are a number of Church direct-  
ories which have not been picked up.  
We hope you will get your copy soon.  
These will NOT be mailed out.

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PERSONAL MENTION - Robert Snow  
is a patient, room 607, St. Joseph's.



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## I'D RATHER HAVE THE HEADACHE!

Insistent commercials for a sedative suggest that our headaches originate or are made more agonizing by too much pressure from too much furor by too many people. To cure a so-called "Excedrin headache" with Excedrin sounds like the same to me as "solving money problems with money." The insinuation really is that persons' headaches are caused by other people!

There is something worse: being alone - no one cares about you, much less does anything about or for you.

I have never been utterly, devastatingly alone. I have felt loneliness, even in a crowd, because no one knew me. Aloneness can be mistaken for boredom, when time hangs heavy, or when wishing 'to be where the action is;' it can be nothing more than a touch of self-centeredness, wanting a larger measure of attention.

But few who read this have ever been terribly alone. Countless are the persons who ARE so defeated, frustrated and helpless; they feel totally separated from anyone who cares. It is a crazy paradox: so many alienated, estranged, lonely persons in a crowded world. There is the displaced, the refugee, the orphaned child, the forever-transient stranger, the migrant, the aging in seclusion; there are the masses of hungry, and the war-scarred. Each sufferer is a person, saying in effect, "No one cares about me." Other words of futility escape, like "curse God and die ..." or, "Why hast Thou forsaken me?"

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### Christian Women's Fellowship

#### General Meeting

FEBRUARY 18 at 8 p.m. Program and worship: "The Happening - Youth Revolution and Response" Montgomery Group in charge. Dye group members will serve as hostesses; Refreshments will be served by the Higdon Group. The annual Blanket drive is the service projects for February. Good used clean blankets of any size, new blankets or money with which to purchase new blankets at cost prices, may be given. The nominating committee will make their report.

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### Christian Youth Fellowship -

#### Mid-winter Meet at North Christian ..

The Christian Youth Fellowship will have a district i mid-winter meeting at North Christian Church this Sunday, February 16, beginning at 2:30 and concluding at 7:00. There will be no regular meeting of our own group. Mrs. Vincent Wells, district youth advisor, is in charge of the program. Reservations for the meal were to have been made last Sunday.

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### PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gamble, Chicago became the parents of a little girl born January 20. Mr. and Mrs. Terry King, Jr., are the proud grandparents.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. Merland Heller in the death of a brother last week in Chicago.

Mrs. Bixenman will return on Thursday from the week-long educational conferences in Chicago.

Mr. Ward Bundy has been ill at his home this past week.

### MARCH 9 - BELL CHOIR PROGRAM

The beauty and artistry of bell music is enjoying an up-surge of interest in our country, and many churches like our own are developing new bell choirs. Our bell choir, under Mr. Parlette's direction, is becoming more proficient and is contributing to our worship and pleasure.

An outstanding concert bell choir will present a program in our church on Sunday afternoon, March 9, at 4:00. The 10-member choir, all boys, is from Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Napoleon Ohio. The public is invited to the program, for which there will be no charge but an offering will be gathered.

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### LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

The pre-Easter season of Lent begins next week. This 40-day period to Holy Week is one of increased worship, self-discipline and giving. The Christian Church has encouraged personal devotion and preparation. This year weekly services of worship will be held in the Chapel on six successive Thursday evenings, at 7:00. These services will be different in nature, using various types and resources for worship, and will last not more than 30 minutes. If there are families desiring nursery care, they are asked to notify the office so arrangements can be made. Plans are being made also for Holy Week services, including Thursday communion on April 3, and union Good Friday services. Easter Sunday is April 6.

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### PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. A. N. Shockney, Lutheran, rm. 562  
Gerald Elser, Sr. Parkview 320

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

The minister's class on "The meaning of Church Membership" will be conducted prior to Easter, for any children or young people who choose to attend. The class is for those who are interested or simply curious about church membership; there is no insistence on being baptized at this particular season. The class will have four Saturday sessions: March 8, 15, 22 and 29. Last year's classes began at 1:30; if this hour is suitable, it can be set again, however the class is for the convenience of inquirers. A vesper-baptismal service is tentatively scheduled for Palm Sunday evening, April 30. Interested persons and their families are asked to discuss it at home, then contact Mr. McGuire.

### CHURCH FAMILY-NIGHT SUPPER

February 23 - 5:30

A church-wide family-night supper will be held on Sunday evening, Feb. 23, to conclude our "15 Days to Widen our World," a missions-emphasis program incorporating the Week of Compassion. The special offering for the Week of Compassion will be given and dedicated that morning in the service of worship; boxes and envelopes for this offering will be distributed this week.

The supper will begin at 5:30, and will close at approximately 7:30. Special guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Potee, who have served several terms as missionaries to India; they will present the program, using slide-pictures of life and work in central India. Rural village and family life will be seen in this area of dense population, and one where our church has concentrated considerable mission ser-

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vice. Mr. and Mrs. Potee now live in Indianapolis and are in much demand for their interpretation of the church's mission in India. Save the evening of February 23 for this supper-program.

### CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

February 9, 1969

Class	Att.	Off.
Friendly	9	3.25
Progressive	25	9.50
Come Double	15	12.50
Berean	12	4.50
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High School	20	5.05
Junior High	16	2.76
Junior Dept.	20	6.30
Primary	24	4.59
Kindergarten	14	1.06
Nursery 2-4	9	1.10
Babies & Toddlers	5	.50
	194	\$ 63.36

### THE PLANNED PARENTHOOD PROGRAM ..Every child a wanted child!

Because responsible parenthood is a basic expression of God's love for each person, the CWS Planned Parenthood Program seeks to serve the developing areas of the world by providing literature, audio-visual materials, contraceptive samples, and other resources to Christian hospitals, clinics, and overseas personnel for use in community health programs to promote that social and economic independence and human dignity without which our world cannot survive in peace.

Church World Service Planned Parenthood Programs now operate in 48 countries, with a total of 1,293,000,000 people at a total of \$ 358,475.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1969

8:00 a.m. - Basics for CLC Class.  
9:15 - The Church's School  
10:30 - Service of Worship  
(Nursery for children through age 3)  
10:30 - Primary and Kindergarten  
expanded sessions.  
5:00 - Junior Adventure Time -  
Mr. Robert Hendricks, guest  
5:30 - Chi Rho  
5:30 Christian Youth Fellowship

### CHOIR REHEARSALS:

4:00 p.m. - Bell choir  
5:00 p.m. - Youth Choir  
6:30 - Basics for CLC Class  
2:00 p.m. Monday, Basics for CLC  
7:30 Thursday, Sanctuary Choir

Junior Adventure Time: All members  
please be present for a play rehearsal.  
Dress for games in Fellowship Hall.  
Mr. Hendricks will be a guest.

Compassion can mean "putting ourselves  
in other persons' shoes" - if they have  
any. At least, trying to take on their  
feelings, and hoping to let them know  
that someone cares.

I'd rather have the headache . . .  
(a "people-headache") than have no  
reason or excuse or possibility for one!

February 9, 1969

Church Attendance	272
Church School Attendance	194
Regular Church Offering	\$1034.01
Church School Offering	63.36
Building Fund	21.00
	<u>\$ 1118.37</u>

Balance due Memorial Trust Fund ..  
\$ 9,000.00

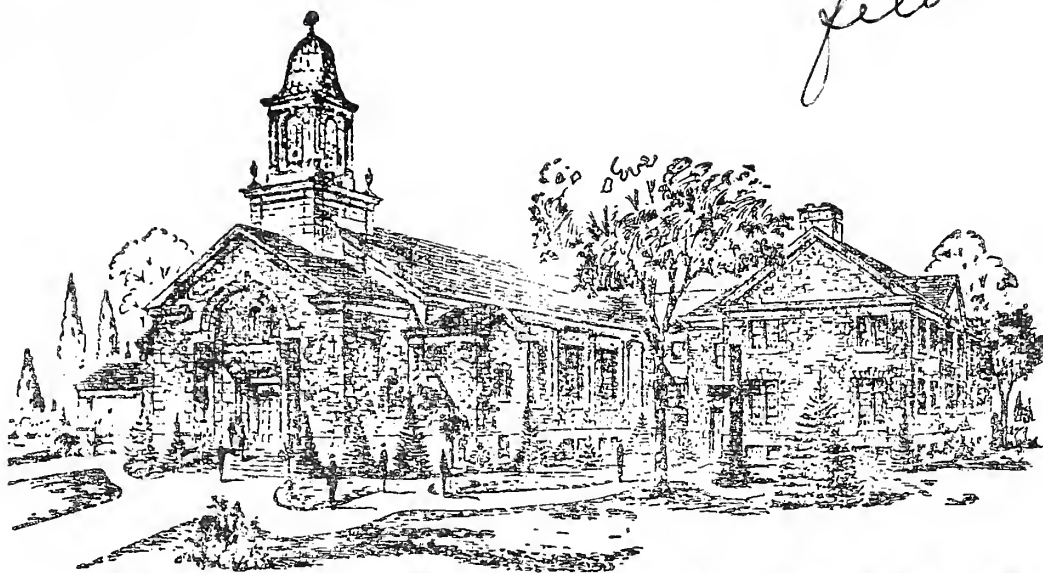
### Officers Serving February 16

ELDERS: Walter Birkhold,  
Albert Powell  
Alternates: Kenneth Edwards  
Herman Weber  
DEACONS: Edwin Allen Captain  
William Wilson James Heavin  
Wayne Penny John Varner  
Robert Westerfield George Davis  
Romane Cole Vernon Moore  
Alternates: Arthur Mowery  
E. M. O'Laughlin  
Ralph Weesner  
James W. Lehman

DEACONESES: February 16, 23, Mar. 2  
Mrs. Robert Ogles, Mrs. Ralph Church  
GREETERS: Progressive Class

### PROPERTY AND CARE DEPARTMENT:

Ted Bryan, chairman, is calling a meet  
ing for February 25, 7:30 at the church.



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## "WEEK OF COMPASSION" GIVING

What a great honor God has bestowed upon us to share our earthly possessions with those less fortunate. It is the difference between life and existence when we have learned the art of sharing heartily! It also means the difference between life and death for millions who are less fortunate than we are.

Your gift this Sunday morning to the Week of Compassion will mean survival for babies and children! It will mean a roof over the heads of refugees. It will bring medical relief where there are no doctors. Nowhere does a gift go farther to alleviate human need and privation than through your offering. As real followers of Jesus, we can forego ourselves and be generous. By so doing, we will satisfy our own inward need to be found giving - losing life to find it.

## BROTHERHOOD DINNER SUNDAY

A Brotherhood Dinner to conclude our "15 Days to Widen our World" will be held this Sunday evening, February 23, at 5:30.

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Potee will present a program on the church's mission in India, using slides made during their own service as missionaries of the Christian Church. Their program will be on rural village and family life, showing something of the transition that has occurred in daily living in India. Mr. & Mrs. Potee are popular speakers before many groups, including youth and children. Families will want to attend this supper-program.

The CWF is arranging the supper, and suggests that families whose names are between "A-F" bring salad; "G-M" vegetables; "N-S" meat dishes; "T-Z" desserts. Bring your own table service.

## LENTEN WORSHIP - THURSDAYS AT 7:00

A series of Lenten Worship Services begins this week, with a 30-minute service being held each Thursday at 7:00. Each of the periods will be different, using varied forms of resources of worship. Families wanting nursery care should notify the office in time to secure attendants. Children and young people are encouraged to attend, as well as adults.

The services will be as follows:

February 20	"Postures for Prayer"
February 27	"Seeing and Believing: Symbolism"
March 6	"Behold the Man! Portrait of Jesus"
March 13	"Drama of Divine Redemption"
March 20	"Roses of Bethany: Myrrh and Music"
March 27	"Our Old Self Crucified: Building our own Cross"
April 3	Maundy Thursday Communion Service

## PERSONAL MENTION

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Knight, in the birth of a daughter, Stephanie Jo, born February 12, 1969.

Andrew Scott came last week to make his home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Morehouse. Our congratulations and best wishes to this family. Andrew was born December 20, 1968.

Kirk Barnes, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Barnes underwent a tonsilectomy last week.

Mr. Harold Henry had surgery last week. He is in room 484 Lutheran.

Mrs. Herman Weber is in 511, Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Lee Fisher remains a patient at Parkview, 712

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McGuire will have the message on WKJG-TV and Radio "Faith To Live By", Tuesday, February 25, 9:55 am.

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BOY SCOUTS CHILI SUPPER will be this Friday evening, February 21, in Fellowship Hall. 75¢ each person; \$2.75 per family.

## AN INVITATION TO -

### THE JEWISH TEMPLE

" There has been an increasing interest, on the part of our Christian neighbors in the city, in the Jewish holiday of Passover - its spirit, and the meaning of the Seder. In connection with our forthcoming holiday of Passover, the Temple Sisterhood is planning an inter-faith community Seder. We should like to invite you to attend. We think that you will find it a significant religious and educational experience.

The Seder is the central observance of our liberation from Egyptian bondage as set forth in the Book of Exodus. It is traditionally a home celebration, and those taking part with us will be introduced to the historical setting, the recitation of the Haggadah, and the traditional foods. There will also be an opportunity for informal discussion and inter-faith fellowship. "

The Place: The Temple, 5200 Old Mill Road - Fort Wayne

The Date: Sunday, March 9, 1969, at 2:00 P.M.

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### BELL CHOIR CONCERT

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 4:00 PM

The 10-member concert bell choir - all boys - from Emanuel Lutheran Church of Napoleon, Ohio, will present a musical program in our church on Sunday afternoon, March 9, at 4:00. The public is invited; there will be no charge, but an offering will be taken.

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The Lord's Supper is a commemoration, a communion, and a consecration. In it we remember Christ, we commune with Him and one another, and we consecrate ourselves afresh to His service.

CYF MEETING....The CYF will have a meeting immediately after the morning worship service next Sunday, to work on their spring show. Plan to stay here for lunch, which will be provided.

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### COTTAGE CHEESE CARTONS NEEDED

The Church School is in need of cottage cheese cartons (the 1 pound size) in which the children will be planting bulbs. If you can help us by donating any of these, please place them in the box near the Pettit Street door. Small size Cool Whip containers can also be used. We need to have at least 100 cartons by March 9.

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### CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

FEBRUARY 16, 1969

Class	Att.	Off.
Friendly	10	\$ 3.00
Progressive	28	17.77
Come Double	12	8.00
Berean	14	6.20
'58	20	9.00
High School	16	4.56
Junior High	17	2.45
Juniors	25	8.10
Primary	29	6.78
Kindergarten	15	2.68
Nursery 2-4	9	1.55
Babes & Toddlers	4	.25
	199	\$ 70.34

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

The minister's class on "The meaning of Church Membership" will be conducted prior to Easter, for any children or young people who choose to attend. The class is for those who are interested or curious about church membership; there will be four Saturday sessions: March 8, 15, 22 and 29, beginning at 1:30.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1969

8:00 a.m. - Basics for CLC, Class  
9:15 - The Church's School  
10:30 - Service of Worship  
(Nursery for children through age 3)  
10:30 - Primary and Kindergarten  
expanded sessions.  
Junior Adventure Time, Chi Rho and  
CYF will not meet on Sunday evening.

### CHOIR REHEARSALS:

4:00 p.m. - Bell Choir  
5:00 p.m. - Youth Choir  
7:30 Thursday, Sanctuary Choir  
2:00 Monday, Basics for CLC, Class

"BASICS" CLASSES - The "Basics" class  
that regularly meets at 6:30 each Sunday  
evening will not meet this week in order  
to leave folks free to attend the family-  
night supper.

February 16, 1969

Church Attendance	292
Church School Attendance	199
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1112.39
Church School Offering	70.35
Building Fund	3.00
	<u>\$ 1185.83</u>

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Balance due Memorial Trust Fund ...  
\$ 9,000.00

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Officers Serving February 23

ELDERS: David Griggs, Robt. Rayl  
Alternates: Bert Lerversee, Wm. Crouse

DEACONS: Edwin Allen, Captain  
William Wilson James Heavin  
Wayne Penny John Varner  
Robert Westerfield George Davis  
Romane Cole Vernon Moore

### Alternates:

Merle Rice Leon Johns  
Herbert Banet Marvin Crouse

DEACONESSES: February 23, March 2  
Mrs. Robert Ogles Mrs. R.E. Church  
GREETERS: February, Progressive Class  
Greeters for March, Berean Class

### PROPERTY AND CARE DEPARTMENT:

Ted Bryan, chairman, Property and  
Care committee, is calling a meeting  
of his department for Tuesday, February  
25, at 7:30 at the church.

### YOUTH AND CHOIR NOTES

There will be no regular meetings of  
Chi Rho or CFY this Sunday evening  
in order that every one may attend the  
family-night supper. However the Bell  
and Youth Choirs will rehearse as usual.  
The CYF will meet immediately after  
the Morning Worship Service. Lunch  
will be provided.



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## CAN 1,000 WOMEN BE WRONG ?

Printed upside-down under the heading, "For Men Only," were the words "Statistics show that 19,731 women will read this." The opposite is also true, so I read at my wife's urging and with interest an article in the "Ladies' Home Journal;" it is entitled: "1,000 Women Report: You can't Find God in Church Any-more!"

I don't know who or where these 1,000 are, but surely something more is to be said for the church and especially for God, by way of discovery and appraisal even at the risk of additional criticism. So:

Rebuttal 1. 1,000 persons is a tiny sampling of the church population to come forth with so scathing an estimate; and such specific illustrations as are mentioned limit the view of the whole church and generalize its status erringly. You can't see the ocean in a tea-cup, nor the Kingdom in just one corner!

2. "Why don't you speak for yourself, Jane," or "Be careful how you use the word, 'You!'" Maybe 'you' don't find God in church anymore, but maybe I can and 1,000's of others. Complaint and denunciation, sometimes the forerunners or symptoms of disillusionment, can better give way to earnest quest for God and honest involvement with the fellowship of His people.

3. Finding God (or knowing Him) can depend on how big a God one perceives or how big one's church is - if that's primarily where one looks; and not big in

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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet in the church parlor on Tuesday, March 4, at 9:00 A.M. Mrs. Charles Dilts is the hostess. Program by Mrs. Rex Meadows; worship by Mrs. Robert Ogles.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Cecil Rice, 3402 River Forest, Wednesday, March 5, at 9:00 a.m. Program by Mrs. Rolland Ripple; worship, Mrs. Neil Allen.

The DYE Group will meet at the church Wednesday, March 5, at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Florence Palmer is the hostess. Program by Mrs. Fred Hilker; worship by Mrs. Thomas Wunderlich.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Ralph Church, 5126 Werling Dr. Thursday, March 6, at 8 p.m. Program by Mrs. Robert Clipp, worship by Mrs. Virgil Montgomery.

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### MEMBERSHIP CLASS Begins MARCH 8

The minister's class on "The Meaning of Church Membership" will begin on Saturday, March 8, for any children and young people who are interested in becoming members of the church. There will be four Saturday sessions, beginning each time at 1:30 and lasting approximately an hour. There is no pressure on those attending to be baptized at any particular time, therefore those who are simply curious about membership are welcome; each one who comes should intend to be present all four sessions. Services of baptism can be arranged at the convenience of a candidate and his family; a service is scheduled for Palm Sunday evening, March 30, followed by communion.

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numbers or facilities, but in perspective of its worship and mission.

Read this thought-provoking article in the March "Journal" before Sunday, when it will be a point-of-departure for the sermon on what we believe about God.

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### BELL CHOIR PROGRAM - MARCH 9

The 10-member Emmanuel Bell Choir from Napoleon, Ohio, will present a concert of bell music on Sunday, March 9, at 4:00 in our sanctuary. The bell ringers are all high school boys, and are directed by Ronald J. Schink. They have a unique style of rapid playing, and present both sacred and secular music. This choir has appeared in 23 states, and last December was invited to play at the White House Christmas Tree ceremony.

The concert is being sponsored by the choirs of our church, and is open to the public. No charge will be made, but an offering will be gathered. Church families should invite friends from other congregations and schools, especially those who are interested in bell music.

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### LENTEN WORSHIP ON THURSDAYS

A service of worship is being held each Thursday evening during Lent, beginning at 7:00 and lasting 30 minutes. This Thursday, February 27, the topic will be "Seeing and Believing: Symbolism;" next Thursday, March 6, the topic will be "Behold the Man! Portrait of Jesus."

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We offer a warm welcome for every worshiper, and work for all who are willing.

## YOUTH MEETINGS AND CHOIRS

The Bell Choir will rehearse as usual at 4:00 this Sunday afternoon, followed at 5:00 by the Youth Choir rehearsal. Both Chi Rho and CYF will have regular meetings at 5:30, with Chi Rho using the topic, "What Did the Dead Sea Mean?". CYF will be working on their spring show, which will be given May 18.

### "BASICS" CLASSES

All three 'Basics' classes will meet at the usual times this week. For those who have been absent, the assignment is chapters 12, 13, and 14. We are beginning a most important portion of our study, so it is very important for all class members to be present at all class sessions.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Committee will have a very important meeting this Sunday evening, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. We will be working on budget for next year and plans for beginning to use the new Christian Life Curriculum in September. It is important that all members plan to attend.

### CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

FEBRUARY 23, 1969

Class	Att.	Off.
Friendly	11	3.25
Progressive	25	8.55
Come Double	21	11.34
Berean	12	5.75
'58	25	12.75
High School	15	5.05
Junior High	20	3.69
Juniors	27	4.80
Primary	25	5.16
Kindergarten	13	2.06
Nursery 2-4	10	.78
Babes & Toddlers	5	.84

## PERSONAL MENTION

At Parkview: Lyle Garretson, 314 Marvin Roseberry, 748; Mrs. Katrina Reddin; Mrs. Lee Fisher, 712.

At Lutheran: M. W. Driver, 475; Rev. A.N. Shockney, 562; Harold Henry, 484; Mr. T.R. Eiler.

### EXCERPTS from "BASICS"

(Sonship ..... Discipleship)

"The quality of life one has experienced in the Christian community and its Christian nurture, or lack of it, may greatly affect one's choice or rejection to the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

"There is a new thrust of freedom now, but it is a freedom born of surrender.

Just as the musician is most truly free when he is most completely surrendered to music, the scientist is most truly free when he is most completely surrendered to the laws of the universe, so man is most completely free when he is most fully surrendered as servant of Jesus Christ. Once he has had this relationship with God restored and begins responding in faith, love, and obedience, he is called to continue to grow up in Christ. This he does not have to do alone. In the Christian community he has a wealth of aids to his growth, such as worship, Bible study, prayer, church attendance, Christian fellowship, Christian education, and many avenues of Christian Service. He now receives encouragement and guidance, power for creative and radiant living, and an increasingly clearer understanding of the nature of God and his will."

--Basics for CLC... pp 21, 22

Daily prayers lessen daily cares!

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1969

8:00 a.m. - 'Basics for CLC' Class  
9:15 - The Church's School  
10:30 - Service of Worship  
(Nursery for children through age 3)  
10:30, Primary and Kindergarten  
expanded sessions.  
5:00 P.M. Junior Adventure Time  
5:30 - Chi Rho  
5:30 - Christian Youth Fellowship

### CHOIR REHEARSALS:

4:00 P.M. - Bell Choir  
5:00 P.M. - Youth Choir  
7:30 Thursday, Chancel Choir

6:30 p.m. "Basics For CLC" Class

2:00 p.m. Monday, "Basics for CLC"

Junior Adventure Time - Everyone please  
be present for our first stage rehearsal.  
Bring your script with you!

February 23, 1969

Church Attendance	303
Church School Attendance	209
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1359.90
Church School Offering	63.16
Week of Compassion	497.65
	<u>\$ 1920.71</u>

Balance due Memorial Trust Fund ..  
9,000.00

### Officers Serving March 2

#### ELDERS:

Rufus Quinn, John Thompson

Alternates: John Merrill, Andrew Cook

DEACONS: Captain, George Warren

Virgil Montgomery W.H. Imbody

Robert Schubel Wm. Schilling

Stanley Cole James Ruble

Mark Snyder Ted Bryan

#### Alternates:

Robt. Hendricks Richard Burkett

John Hechler Donald Miller

DEACONESSES: March 2

Mrs. Robt. Ogles Mrs. Ralph Church

GREETERS: March - Berean Class

### COME DOUBLE CLASS PARTY

This class will have a Bowling party at  
Westwood Lanes, U.S. # 24, West, on  
Saturday, March 1, at 8 p.m. Follow-  
ing the games the class will meet at  
Martha and Stan Cole's 7430 U.S.#24  
West, for fellowship.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carl  
Stabler on the birth of a baby daughter  
on February 21, 1969. Mr. and Mrs. J.  
W. Lehman are the proud grandparents.



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"BELLS, THE MUSIC NICHEST BORDERING UPON HEAVEN"

- Charles Lamb, 1923

The church bell - whether a massive carillon, a plaintive summons from a belfry, or the subtle jingle to bring a class to order - has long been a pleasant and reassuring sound.

It will be a treat to hear bell-ringing at its best this Sunday afternoon, March 9 at 4:00, when the Emanuel Bell Ringers of Napoleon, Ohio, present their "Bells of David" in our sanctuary. Called "a captivating and enchanting form of musical entertainment," this choir of 10 high school boys uses 38 bells, each ringer controlling from two to four bells during a performance.

They have played in 25 states, and in Canada and Mexico, and given concerts in Washington National Cathedral, the New York World's Fair, Expo 67, Disneyland, and at the White House. Their program is of both sacred and secular music, using a rapid style of playing. They obtain a wide range of audio affects with the handbells. Ronald J. Schink, the director, is a graduate of Dana Conservatory of Music and is director of music at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon. This program is open to the public, as well as for our own church. An offering will be gathered.

Our bell choir and youth choir will present music in the service of worship this Sunday. These choirs have been of value to the church, and we appreciate their offerings of music which require time and interest from the young people. They rehearse on Sunday afternoons under Mr. Parlette's direction.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Monthly Group Meetings

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Rayl, 5109 Fernwood Tuesday, March 11, at 8 p.m. Program by Mrs. Edwin Hall; Worship by Mrs. Franklin McGuire.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Howard Overmyer, 920 Clayburn Dr., Wednesday, March 12, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Donald Davenport will present the program; worship by Mrs. Russell Wortley.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. O.R. Kuhlman, 4125 Warsaw St., Monday, March 10, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Wm. Conrad will present the program; worship by Miss Pearl Heidecker.

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### LOOKING AHEAD

Some Dates to be reserved in your calendar:

March 30 - Palm Sunday; evening Baptismal service

April 3 - Maundy Thursday communion service, 7:30

April 4 - Good Friday Worship, 1:30 & 7:30 at Lincolnshire Church of The Brethren

April 6 - Easter Sunday

April 17-19 - State Convention at Indianapolis

May 1 - CWF Leadership Training District Institute at this church.

May 4 - Christian Family Week; baby service

May 18 - Loyalty Sunday for Every Member Commitment

May 18 - Christian Youth Fellowship Play.

May 20 - CWF May Breakfast

June 1 - Baccalaureate service, 10:30 in our sanctuary.

April 27 - CLC Convocation 2-4:30 Here at First Christian

## YOUTH NOTES

There will be no regular youth meetings this Sunday evening. Instead, all members of the youth groups are asked to attend the concert given by the Bell Choir visiting us from Napoleon, Ohio. This concert is in our sanctuary at 4:00. Immediately following the concert, there will be a supper in Fellowship Hall for the visiting choir. All members of our own youth and bell choirs are invited to the supper. CYF will have a show rehearsal following the supper.

### CHI RHO SPONSORS NARCOTICS FILM

The Chi Rho Fellowship is sponsoring a meeting on the use of narcotics on Friday evening, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church parlor. Captain Edwards of the Fort Wayne Police Academy will be with us to show the film and lead a discussion on the use of narcotics. This meeting is designed to make our youth and parents aware of the danger signs and pitfalls of "Taking Trips" and "Smoking Grass". Everyone in the church is invited to see this informative film and to bring your friends. Let's learn about this very prevalent evil in our society today. We have been told that the use of narcotics is prevalent in our city, even among Junior High School youth!

### JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME

Members of Junior Adventure Time Fellowship are asked to meet at our church at 1:30 this Sunday to go to the Jewish Temple; also, parents are welcome. The Juniors plan to return for the Bell Choir concert at 4:00. This will conclude their program for the evening.

### PAPER DRIVE

The Chi Rho Fellowship plan to again dispose of their papers on Saturday, March 22. If you have papers which

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you are willing to donate to them, please bring them to the church before that day.

#### CLC FILM SUNDAY

This Sunday morning, during the Church School hour, all of the adult classes and the CYF will meet at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall to see the film, "Crossing Points" and to hear briefly of this basic concept which is to be a definite part of our new Christian Life Curriculum.

Classes are asked to go to their own classes at 9:15 to take roll and offering then to come directly to Fellowship Hall. Also posted in Fellowship Hall for the next few weeks will be a chart showing what each class will be studying in CLC during the next three years.

#### KINDERGARTEN PAINTED

The Kindergarten room has been brightly painted, to the delight of 4 and 5 year old children and their teachers, by members of the '58 Class: Ted Bryan, Ronald Aker, Thomas Frappier, Ray Fredericks, Dr. James Ruble and George Warren.

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MEMBERSHIP CLASS - This Saturday. The minister's class on "The Meaning of Church Membership" will have its first session this Saturday, March 8, at 1:30. The group will meet in the junior assembly room on the third floor for approximately an hour. Any children or young people may attend, and should plan to be present each of the four Saturdays. Each one attending will have his own study booklet, and other resources will be used. There is no insistence that those attending become church members at this time, but the class is scheduled now because of the larger interest prior to Easter. A service of baptism will be

conducted on Palm Sunday evening, March 30, and other services can be arranged as desired.

#### THURSDAY LENTEN SERVICES

The 30-minute Lenten service each Thursday evening is using a different resource and approach to worship, and has been held in different rooms of the church building. This Thursday at 7:00 the meeting will be in Fellowship Hall, and will be "Behold the Man! Portrait of Jesus." Next Thursday, March 13 th will be "Roses of Bethany: Myrrh and Music".

#### INVITATION TO JEWISH TEMPLE

Our church has been invited to an inter-faith community Seder in the Jewish holiday of Passover, at the Temple of Achduth Vesholom congregation, 5200 Old Mill Road, this Sunday afternoon, March 9, at 2:00. The meaning and spirit of the holiday is to be interpreted, and it promises to be a meaningful religious and educational experience. It is a traditional home celebration, but will be observed at the Temple to introduce the historical setting, the recitation of the Haggadah, and traditional foods to their guests on Sunday. Our Junior Adventure Time group will meet at the church before going together to the Temple; others are encouraged to attend. It will conclude in time to return to the church for the Bell Choir concert at 4:00.

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Teaching is not a flow of words, nor the draining of an hour glass, but an effectual procuring that a man comes to know something he knew not before, or to know it better.

-- Robert South

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 1969

9:15 A. M. - Church School

10:30 - Service of Worship

(Nursery for children through age 3)

10:30 - Primary and Kindergarten  
expanded sessions.

The Bell Choir and Youth Choir will not  
meet today.

Junior Adventure Time, Chi Rho and  
Christian Youth Fellowship are not meet-  
ing today.

4:00 p.m. Bell Ringers Concert in the  
Sanctuary. These young men are from  
Napoleon, Ohio, and are nationally known

6:30 - "Basics for CLC" Class.

2:00 p.m. - Monday, "Basics for CLC"

7:30 - Thursday, Sanctuary Choir

March 2, 1969

Church Attendance	334
Church School Attendance	206
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1416.95
Church School Offering	74.29
Week of Compassion	74.83
Building Fund	9.00
	<u>\$ 1575.07</u>

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Balance due Memorial Trust Fund -	
	<u>\$ 7800.00</u>

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### Officers Serving March 9

ELDERS: Harold Crowder, Myron Cole

Alternates: David Hogg, Alfred Schell

DEACONS: Junior Deacons

DEACONESSES: March 9, 16, 23

Mrs. Wm. Love; Mrs. W.J. Williams

GREETERS: March - Berean Class

### PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Lee  
Fisher on the death of her brother.  
And sympathy is extended to Glenn  
Miller and his family on the recent  
death of a brother-in-law.

Lutheral Hospital ...

Mrs. Wonda McKenney, Room 340

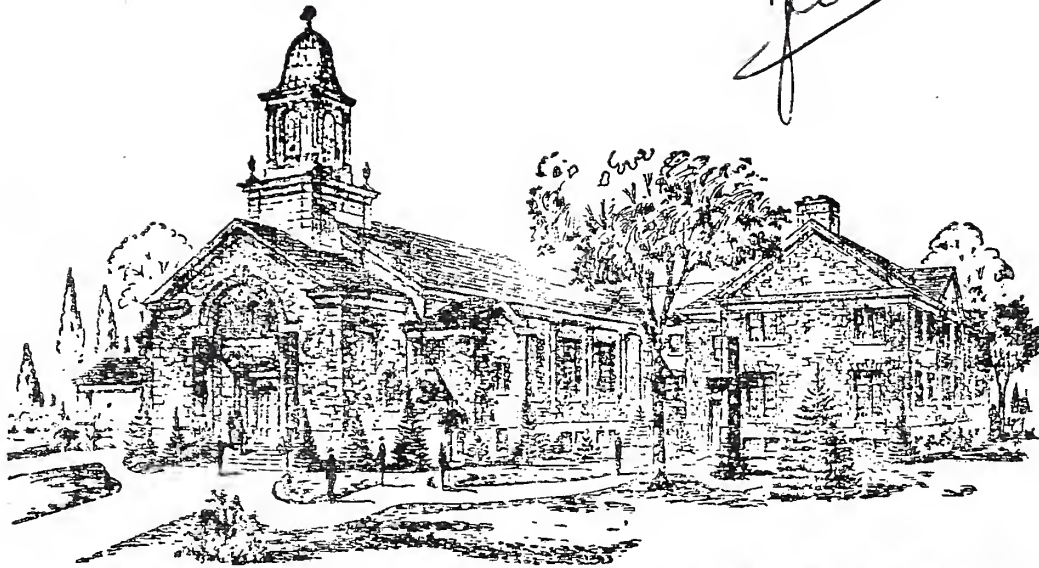
Mrs. Jack Sauerwein, Room 563

Mr. Arthur Mowery has recently suffer-  
ed a broken foot.

### REQUEST

The education committee requests that  
church school classes not be interrupted  
for announcements except at the begin-  
ning (9:15) or near the close (10:15) or  
by prior arrangement. Written announce-  
ments will be carefully read to a class.

-- John Thompson, chairman



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MEMBERSHIP CLASS: The second meeting of the minister's class on "The Meaning of Church Membership" will be this Saturday at 1:30. Four Saturday sessions will be held, and any young people and children may attend. Any adults interested in similar meetings are asking to inform the minister.

THURSDAY LENTEN SERVICES: This Thursday's 7:00 p.m. Lenten service will be in the parlor, on "Roses of Bethany, Myrrh and Music." Topic on March 20, will be "Drama of Divine Redemption" using three dramatic selections.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SELECTIONS : Two members of the church nominating committee will be chosen during a meeting of the congregation on March 23 following the service of worship. Two members appointed by the board chairman are Mrs. Wm. Crouse and Rufus G.S. Quinn.

NARCOTICS FILM: This Friday evening at 7:30, Chi Rho is sponsoring a meeting on narcotics. Captain Edwards of the Fort Wayne Police Academy will bring a film showing the effects of drug use. This meeting is for youth, their parents, and any interested in youth. Baby sitting will be available.

CYF will rehearse for their Spring Show this Sunday evening at 5:30. They plan to present this show on Sunday, May 18.

CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL: The Holiday and Rialto theatres are sponsoring a film festival for children on March 22, 23. Films will include: "The Bear and the Mouse", "The Story of Cinderella", "Ti-Jean Goes Lumbering", "Dimensions" "Paddle to the Sea", and "Christmas Cracker". These are scheduled as matinees.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1969

8:00 A.M. CLC Basics Class  
9:15 - Church School  
10:30 - Service of Worship  
(Nursery for children through age 3)  
10:30 - Primary and Kindergarten  
expanded sessions.  
4:00 Bell Choir rehearsal  
5:00 - Junior Adventure Time  
5:00 - Youth Choir rehearsal  
5:30 - Chi Rho Fellowship  
5:30 - Christian Youth Fellowship  
6:30 - Basic for CLC Class

2:00 p.m. - Monday, "Basics for CLC"  
7:30 - Thursday, Sanctuary Choir  
7:30 - Friday, Chi Rho meeting : a  
narcotics film will be shown

### PERSONAL MENTION

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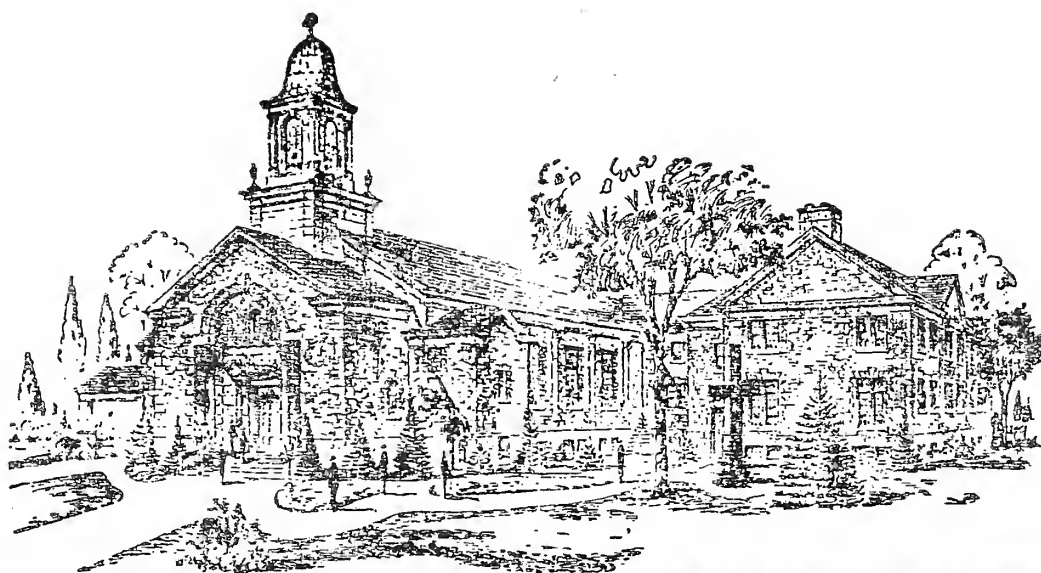
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**THURSDAY LENTEN SERVICES:** This Thursday's 7:00 p.m. Lenten service will be in the parlor, on "Roses of Bethany, Myrrh and Music." Topic on March 20, will be "Drama of Divine Redemption" using three dramatic selections.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE SELECTIONS :** Two members of the church nominating committee will be chosen during a meeting of the congregation on March 23 following the service of worship. Two members appointed by the board chairman are Mrs. Wm. Crouse and Rufus G.S. Quinn.

**NARCOTICS FILM:** This Friday evening at 7:30, Chi Rho is sponsoring a meeting on narcotics. Captain Edwards of the Fort Wayne Police Academy will bring a film showing the effects of drug use. This meeting is for youth, their parents, and any interested in youth. Baby sitting will be available.

**CYF** will rehearse for their Spring Show this Sunday evening at 5:30. They plan to present this show on Sunday, May 18.

**CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL:** The Holiday and Rialto theatres are sponsoring a film festival for children on March 22, 23. Films will include: "The Bear and the Mouse", "The Story of Cinderella", "Ti-Jean Goes Lumbering", "Dimensions" "Paddle to the Sea", and "Christmas Cracker". These are scheduled as matinees.

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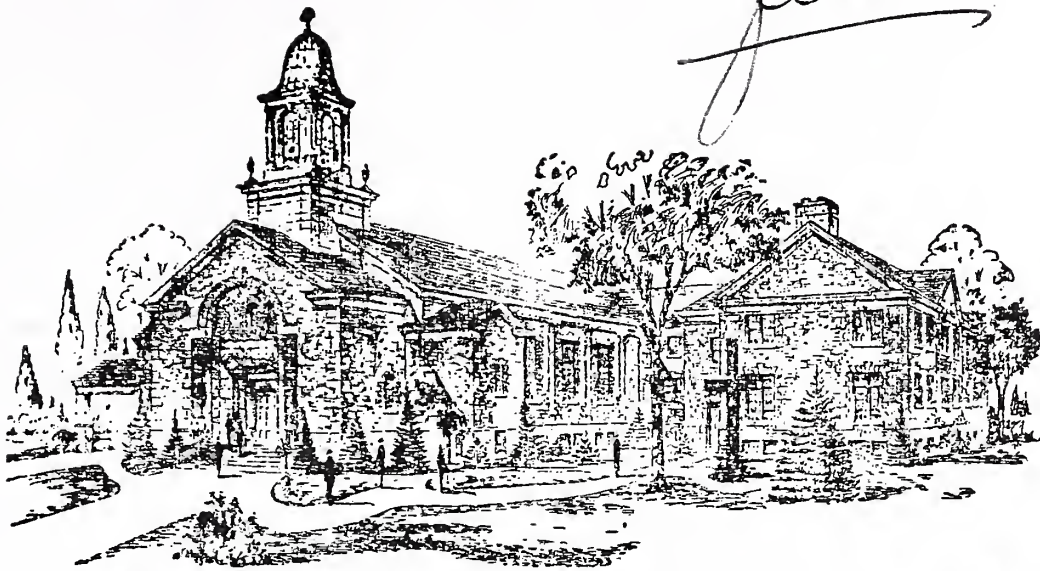
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## "FOR LO! THE DAYS ARE HASTENING ON"

The words of one season's carol might well become the watch-word as another season hastens along. Lent is over half-spent, and Easter is eighteen days away. These days of preparation take on increased importance as the climactic days of Jesus' ministry and life become more vivid. Opportunities for worship, discipline, personal devotion, self-denial and commitment are to be sought out.

Some of these opportunities are as follows:

**PRAYER VIGIL:** The worship committee has scheduled the annual Prayer Vigil to begin at approximately 8:00 p.m., Thursday, April 3, and to conclude at 7:00 p.m. on Good Friday. Two worship services will be incorporated into the Vigil: the Maundy Thursday Communion Service which will begin at 7:30, and the union Good Friday Service at Lincolnshire Church, also at 7:30. This year it is hoped that every person and family in the congregation will participate, so that at times the chapel may be full of people participating in the Chain of Prayer. Opportunities will be provided for individuals or families to sign for specific 30-minute periods, so the Vigil will be kept constant.

**LENTEN WORSHIP:** Including this Thursday, March 20, there are three more services prior to Easter on Thursday evenings. "Drama of Divine Redemption" will be the topic this week at 7:00, using three dramatic presentations. On Mar. 27, "Our Old Self Crucified: Building our own Cross" will allow us to place on

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### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING . . . .

A brief meeting of the congregation will be held following the service of worship this Sunday, March 23, to select two members of the church nominating committee. These two and two appointed members, Mrs. William H. Crouse and Rufus G.S. Quinn, will choose the final member, and begin the task of nominating persons as elders, deacons and deaconesses. They will welcome suggestions from members of the congregation.

### FLOWERS NEEDED

There is a need for artificial flowers at the church before Easter. Only blooms are desired, and can be of all kinds and natural colors. Containers will be at convenient locations in the building, where such flowers can be left.

### CHICAGO SHOPPING TRIP

The Montgomery Circle of the CWF is planning a shopping trip by bus to Chicago on Saturday, May 3. 30 persons are needed; fare will be approximately \$7.50. Interested persons may contact Mrs. James Ruble (747-3563).

### STATE CONVENTION

Pre-registration forms and orders for reservations are available in the church office for the 130th State Convention of Christian Churches, to be in Indianapolis at the Fair Grounds, April 17-19 (Thursday - Saturday). Advance registration and reservation requests must be sent prior to April 8. Pre-registration fee \$3.50 - \$4.50 after April 8.

### PAPER SALE

Our Chi Rho youth will be selling their newspapers this Saturday, March 22. If you have papers you are willing to donate to these young folks, please bring to church before 10:00 Saturday.

### CUSTODIAN RESIGNS

Our genial custodian, August 'Gus' Mueller, has tendered his resignation to the trustees and property committee, effective April 7. The board "accepted with regret" the resignation of Mr. Mueller, who is a member of the congregation and who has served as custodian approximately five years. The Christian Men's Fellowship expects to have an "appreciation meeting" for him; John Thompson may be contacted about arrangements. The property committee is at work on securing a replacement; Ted Bryan is chairman, and suggestions may be forwarded to him. . . . .

Increased cooperation from members and church organizations is called for in use and care of the building, such as attention to lights, locking doors and windows, leaving rooms in good condition, and being good stewards of property. Minor vandalism was discovered this weekend, and doors had been intentionally kept ajar for apparent later access at night. Such problems may require securing the building during "off hours" of the day, and other means of proper use and care.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Shockney has been moved to 109 Moellering Unit, Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. Arza Smith is in room 408, Lutheran hospital. Gerald Elser is in Parkview, 424. Becky Webster had dental surgery last week. Mr. Fuchshuber has returned home. Our sympathy is extended to Mr. Earl Fusselman in the recent death of his brother.

ST MATTHEW PASSION - Bach Sunday, March 30, 3:00 P.M. at the Plymouth Congregational Church.

### YOUTH NOTES

Chi Rhoers who are to help with the paper drive are reminded to be here at the church by 9:00 a.m. on this Saturday, March 22. We will be finished by noon. There will also be a regular Chi Rho meeting as usual Sunday at 5:30.

For CYF, there will be a regular meeting at 5:30 on Sunday. We will be spending our time working on our spring show. Information will also be presented on the interdenominational Good Friday Service for Youth and information on the youth section of the State convention.

### CHRISTIAN LIFE CURRICULUM

We have been hearing about some people in our church taking the "Basics" course. We have been hearing much about new materials for all of us. New terms are being used: "settings", "perspectives", "scope", "context", the "annual launch". What is really happening, and why? The idea behind the Christian Life Curriculum is Jesus' idea about learning: we learn at the points in life when and where we are concerned. This means at points when our security, love, self-image, acceptance are at stake we are open to new learning. The Christian Life Curriculum centers Christian learning in on these learning moments. The new curriculum recognizes that the church provides many learning opportunities: all occasions when persons are gathered together in Christ's name. This means at home, in fellowship groups, at worship as well as in the Church's School. CLC recognizes that we have a teaching ministry, and the times, places, materials, and ideas we use can be coordinated toward the same goal, no matter what the setting. That goal is, of course

that we know who we are, why we are alive, where we are going, who is our God, and who is our neighbor. Our first opportunity to truly examine these new materials will be April 27. SAVE THIS DATE!

### SPECIAL TV PROGRAM

On Thursday, March 27, there will be a special broadcast of "Bewitched" called "Twitching for UNICEF". This will be broadcast over all ABC stations. Be sure to check the local newspapers for exact time of this program. The children of First Christian Church have long helped in the Fort Wayne UNICEF drive. It would be well for each of us to express our appreciation of this program by writing those responsible:

% Screen Gems, Inc.  
1334 Beechwood Drive  
Hollywood, California  
90028

### SECRET PLACE BOOKLET

The SECRET PLACE for April, May and June has now arrived. You may pick up your copy at the church.

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Frank Moody, Paul Yentes

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a crude cross expressions of the worst in life that could well be surrendered; symbols, written statements and pictures of such wrongs and evils are to be brought. This cross will be used during Holy Week and on Easter. The final Thursday evening worship will be for Communion on April 3.

**PALM SUNDAY:** Holy Week begins with celebration of Jesus' entry in Jerusalem. Palm Sunday is March 30, when the sanctuary will be appropriately decorated and the service of worship will include special music and message for the day. A candle-light service of Baptism will be conducted at 7:30, for any persons who choose to participate, candidates for church membership do not necessarily have to attend the class on "Meaning of Church Membership." A brief service of Communion will be held in the Chapel following baptism.

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Church Attendance	312
Church School Attendance	220
Regular Church Offering	1326.07
Church School Offering	77.56
Building Fund	102.00
Memorial: Mrs. Lee Fisher	27.00
	\$ 1534.63

Balance due Memorial Trust Fund ...	\$ 7800.00
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**JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME** ... Those who have not brought their records .. please bring them this Sunday. You are also asked to bring a small bouquet of artificial flowers. Guest, Mrs. Vaught.



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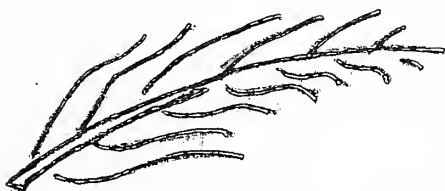
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LENTEN WORSHIP - 7:00

Thursday, March 20

"Our Old Self Crucified:

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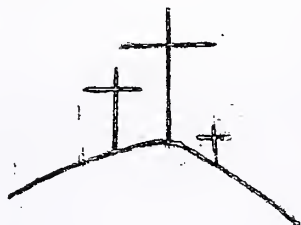
10:30 Service of Worship

7:30 Service of Baptism

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 3

7:30 Service

"THE LORD'S SUPPER"



GOOD FRIDAY, April 4

1:30 Worship at Lincolnshire

(Message and excerpts from

"The Terrible Meek")

7:30 Cantata at Lincolnshire

(Stainer's "The Crucifixion")

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Rex Meadows 4908 Salem Lane, Tuesday, April 1, at 9 a.m. Program Mrs. Edwin Allen; Worship, Mrs. Stanley Cole.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Elwood Parent, 4059 Hessen Cassel Rd., Wednesday April 2, 9 a.m. Program by Mrs. Hendricks Love; Worship, Mrs. Cecil Rice.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Virgil Montgomery, 716 Archer Ave., Thursday, April 3, at 8 p.m., Program Mrs. Alfred Schell; Worship, Mrs. Paul Truby.

The DYE Group will be with Mrs. Robt. Scott, 1617 Edgewater Ave., Wednesday, April 2, at 1:30 p.m. Program by Mrs. Vaughn Brickley; Worship, Mrs. W. H. Imbody.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet Tuesday, April 1, at 1:30 p.m. Program by Mrs. Walter Marks; Worship Mrs. James Heavin.

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YOUTH NOTES

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will have an Easter Sunday morning Sunrise service at 6:00 a.m., Easter, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rice. Meet at Dale's Drive-in Restaurant at Times Corners, at 5:45 a.m. Breakfast will follow the service and we will return to the church in time for church school classes.

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NO SECOND HOUR EASTER SUNDAY for Kindergarten and Primary children. There will be baby sitting for Nursery children and Crib babies as usual. This includes children up to 4 years of age.

LILIES, LILIES, LILIES!  
For EASTER.

If our members who plan to purchase a lily for their home, or for a memorial to a loved one would like to bring their lily to the church to help in beautifying our Sanctuary for Easter morning; and any Church School class who would like to provide a lily for Easter, please get your offering to the church on Saturday. The Church will be open. You make take your lily away after the morning worship.

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PAPER DRIVE ENDS

The Chi Rho fellowship sold the newspaper they had on hand last Saturday. There will be no further paper collection now until next fall. This helps keep the storage areas clear and lessens the possibility of spontaneous combustion in rooms stacked with paper during the hot summer months.

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YOUTH NOTES

Both CYF and Chi Rho will meet at 5:30 this Sunday. CYF will be busy working on their spring show. Chi Rho meeting will be on the topic, "Discovering Your Emotion I.Q." Both groups will be out in time for the 7:30 Baptismal Service. CYFers are reminded of the Good Friday service at First Baptist Church on April 4. Meet at our church at 6:45. We will go as a group. In addition, that same evening, registrations will be due for those who plan to attend the State Youth Convention in Indianapolis April 18-20. Total cost, due upon registration is \$5.50, including meals and lodging.

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME - "There will be a special observance of Lent. Everyone is asked to be present."

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

It may seem early, but plans are already under way for our 1969 Vacation Church School. Mrs. Ted Bryan and Mrs. James Ruble have agreed to serve as co-chairmen of this event. The local area Vacation Church School clinic has been held, with Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Bixenman in attendance. Plans are underway this year for our school to be a cooperative school, held in cooperation with the Progressive Baptist Church, the church from which most of our visiting children came last year. The difference this year is that this church will be providing some of the leadership as well as some of the students, and will be shouldering a share of the financial responsibility. There is one big difference, in addition, this year! The committee is excited about the possibility! The school will be held June 9-13, but will be in the evening, 7:00 - 9:00 p. m. with classes for the entire family. What an opportunity this offers. Adults and youth, too, will have a part, as well as children. People who have not been able to help because of employment, will now be able to have a share in the leadership. We will not be troubled by the beginning of summer school taking a large number of our students out after a few days (this was the deciding reason for having an evening school). These advantages, plus others, have caused the committee to feel a real excitement concerning the possibilities for this school. The theme this year is "The Church". Mark your calendar NOW, save the dates, plan to enroll your entire family, and be ready to say "yes" when Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Ruble approach YOU to help.

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee to recommend persons for church offices is being formed, with Mrs. William Crouse and Rufus Quinn appointed, and Herbert C. Banet and John Thompson elected; these four will select a fifth member, designate a chairman, and begin their important work. They will welcome suggestions for elder, deacon or deaconess from church members; names should be submitted in writing, with information as to their recommendation, signed by the person making the suggestions, and mailed to the "Nominating Committee" at the church.

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## 130th INDIANA STATE CONVENTION

April 17 - 19, 1969

Association of Christian Churches in Indiana . . . We want to make it crystal clear that attendance at the State Convention this year is OPEN to any member of a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) provided they register (as has always been the case).

We are concerned lest people hold the idea that only designated voting delegates can attend. WE REPEAT: - attendance is open to all who register, and it is important for many who are non-voting delegates to attend. Our suggestion is that there be three non-voting delegates for each voting delegate. ADVANCE REGISTRATION is important. The regular registration fee is \$4.50, but \$3.50 for those who register in advance. The advance registration deadline is April 8. Registration cards may be obtained in the church office. Please check your Mar. issue of the Indiana Christian for information about the Convention program and schedule.

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Good Friday Service at the Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren. 1:30 and 7:30 pm  
Berean Class Auction and dessert, Saturday, March 29, Fellowship Hall.

March 23, 1969

Church Attendance	291
Church School Attendance	196
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1224.20
Church School Offering	68.80
Building Fund	4.00
Memorial: Mrs. Lee Fisher	15.00
Easter offering	10.00
	<u>\$ 1332.00</u>

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Alternates: Earl Plummer, Cecil Rice

DEACONS: Captain, Thomas Frappier

Arthur Mowery Merle Rice

E. M. O'Laughlin Leon H. Johns

Ralph Weesner Herbert Banet

James Lehman Marvin Crouse

#### Alternates:

William Wilson Wayne Penny

Robert Westerfield Romane Cole

DEACONESSES: March 30, Maundy

Thursday, April 3; April 6.

Mrs. Edwin Allen. Mrs. Max Finkhausen

GREETERS - March: Berean Class

Greeters - April: Come Double Class.

### PRAYER VIGIL

Families and individuals are asked to accept a 30-minute period of the Prayer Vigil, beginning a 8:00 pm April 3 until 7:00 pm April 4. Schedule is posted at the south door. All are urged to participate in the Chain of Prayer this year, so that numbers of persons may be sharing in the Chapel at one time. Home-bound members are encouraged also to send word of a time they will be in prayer.

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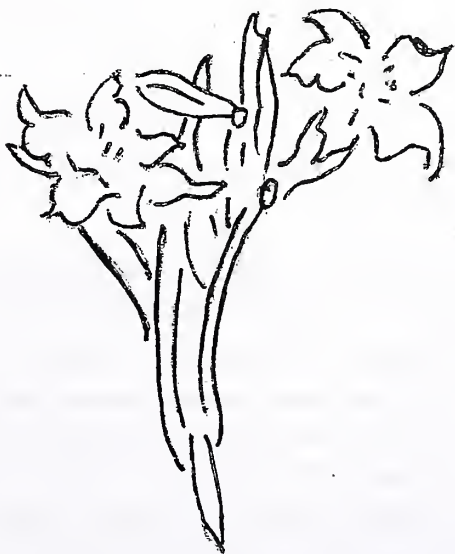
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## E A S T E R   W O R S H I P



MAUNDY THURSDAY  
7:30 p.m. - Communion

PRAYER VIGIL  
: 8:00 p.m. Thursday  
until 7:00 p.m. Friday

GOOD FRIDAY  
at Lincolnshire 1:00  
Message and excerpt  
from "The Terrible  
Meek"  
7:30 - Cantata "The  
Crucifixion" Stainer

EASTER SUNDAY  
9:45 - Church School  
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### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

#### Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with  
Miss Verna Sullivan, 121 E. Branning Ave.,  
Monday, April 14 at 8 p.m. Program by  
Mrs. Paul Kenline, worship, Mrs. T. R.  
Eiler.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with  
Mrs. Franklin McGuire, 7712 Gathings Dr  
Thursday, April 10 at 8 p.m. Program by  
Mrs. Floyd Morrical; worship, Mrs. Ben  
Taylor.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs.  
Robert Hendricks, 326 French Ave., Wed-  
nesday, April 9 at 8 p.m. Program by Mrs  
Donald Davenport; Worship, Mrs. Howard  
Overmyer.

GENERAL CWF meeting will be April 15  
at 8 p.m. Program and worship, Kepple  
Group; Hostesses, Higdon Group; Reiresh-  
ments, Nelson Group. There will be the  
ELECTION of OFFICERS.

March 30, 1969

Church Attendance	406
Church School Attendance	173
Regular Church Offering	1410.88
Church School Offering	60.95
Easter Offering	10.00
	<u>\$ 1481.83</u>

#### Officers Serving April 6

ELDERS: William Crouse, John Merrill  
Alternates: Herman Weber, David Griggs  
DEACONS: Thomas Frappier, Captain  
A. W. Mowery, Merle Rice, Leon Johns,  
E. M. O'Laughlin, Ralph Weesner, Her-  
bert Banet, J. W. Lehman, Marvin Crouse.  
Alternates: James Heavin, John Varner,  
George Davis, Vernon Moore.  
Deaconesses: Maundy Thursday, Apr. 3, 6  
Mrs. E. R. Allen, Mrs. Max Finkhousen.

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CYF SUNRISE SERVICE - Our CYF will  
have a Sunrise Service at 6:00 Easter  
Morning, at the Merle Rice home. Note  
a change in plans: those on the south  
side will meet at the church at 5:45 to  
go together and those on the north side  
will meet at 5:45 at John Thompson's.  
2730 Inwood. We will have breakfast  
together and return to the church in  
time for Church School.

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Our SYMPATHY is expressed to the fam-  
ily of Brother A. N. Shockney who pass-  
ed away March 28.

Mrs. Ruth Cowen enters Lutheran hospi-  
tal for surgery. She will be in room 472.

LILIES FOR EASTER ... Those providing  
lilies for the sanctuary next sunday,  
please bring them to the church some  
time of Saturday.

Cabinet meeting Tuesday, April 8, 7:30

GOOD FRIDAY YOUTH Service, First  
Baptist Church, 7:30 P.M.



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## NEW MEMBERS

Those becoming members of the church on Palm Sunday or Easter were: by baptism: Jo Ellen and John Hendrickson, 927 Columbia Ave.; Julia Kay Hendricks, 326 French Ave.; Lee Ann Urich, 3315 Ivy League; Schellie Rose Schell, 236 Rexford; Douglas Olson, 4725 South Wayne Ave.; Michael O'Laughlin, 4543 Kenilworth Dr.; Carole Overmyer, 3919 Winter St.; and William W. DeVinney, 4641 Avoondale Dr., for whom baptism will be arranged; and by transfer of membership: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hendrickson, 927 Columbia. We welcome each of these into the fellowship of the church.

## BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH

The nominating committee will report its recommendations for board members to the congregation on Sunday, April 20, following the worship service, and the proposed budget for 1969-1970 will be presented by the finance committee at the same time. Action on these two matters will be taken in the congregational meeting the following Sunday, April 27. Rufus G.S. Quinn was named chairman of the nominating committee, and Merle Rice was selected as the fifth member.

## CWF GENERAL MEETING

Will be held Tuesday, April 15 at 8 p.m. Program and worship will be given by Kepple Group; Higdon Group will be hostesses; Nelson Group will serve refreshments; There will be the annual ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Mrs. George R. Bruckman is president.



THE 130th STATE CONVENTION OF INDIANA CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

April 17 - 19 (Thursday - Saturday)

in Indianapolis, State Fairgrounds, Farmers Building

THURSDAY, April 17:

- 2:00 Call to order, worship, and orientation; business items introduced.
- 4:00 Dr. Myron C. Cole, moderator of the Christ Church, will speak, interpreting the Kansas City convention and its action on restructure.
- 7:30 Worship and music by "Missionaires", choral group from Missions Building. Address by Bishop James Armstrong of United Methodist Church, South Dakota

FRIDAY, April 18:

- 9:00 Worship, and business session
- 11:00 Address by Dr. Richard Lentz: "The Bible and Christian Life Curriculum"
- 2:30 Visit to one of four settings:
  - At Interchurch Center - on "Christian Unity"; at Broadway Center - "Social Concerns"; at Christian Theological Seminary - "Ministry and Continuing Education"; at Missions Building - "World Outreach"
- 7:00 or 8:30 "On This Day" drama, based on Biblical message of Amos.

SATURDAY, April 19:

- 9:00 Worship; review of program of Indiana Christian Churches; Business.
- 2:00 Worship; reports and actions on Urban Crisis; President's address on future work of the Christian Churches; business.
- 4:00 Christian Women's Fellowship business meeting.
- 5:00 All-Convention Dinner, including installation of officers for 1969-1970; Address by Dr. George Earle Owen, and communion.

YOUTH SESSIONS of STATE CONVENTION begin at 6:00 on Friday night, April 18, and includes: seeing the drama, "On This Day"; music, creative worship, small groups giving opportunity to speak as well as to hear; "The Dukes of Kent"; Sunday worship in churches, and a closing "Celebration of Modern Man" at 1:30 on Sunday. The Youth Session concludes at 3:00.

Voting delegates from our church to the State Convention will be Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, Mrs. George Bruckman, Mrs. Charles Dilts, Franklin McGuire, Mrs. Owen Vaught. These five are allowed voting privileges, but all church members are urged to attend sessions of the convention, including business. CYF young people planning to attend youth sessions are Judy Eckert, Barbara Love, and Jeff Olson.

YOUTH NOTES

Chi Rho Fellowship will meet as usual at 5:30 on Sunday. Come, join us as Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smell take us on a visit to Europe .... CYF will be rehearsing for their spring show this Sunday evening. The scenery is made, and the show is only 5 weeks away. We need everyone at every rehearsal.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, April 26, 1:30 - 4:30 - training institute for Vacation Church School teachers in the Kindergarten through the Chi Rho Department.

Sunday, April 27, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. "Come and See" Convocation. This is your opportunity to see and handle the new Christian Life Curriculum materials.

Monday-Friday, June 9-13 Vacation Church School held in the evenings, 7:00-9:00 p.m., with classes for the entire family, nursery through adults.

Thursday, May 1, 9:00 - 2:30 CWF Leadership Training Institute at First Christian, Fort Wayne.

Tuesday, May 20, 9:30 a.m. CWF May Breakfast. Mrs. Frank Thomas, State CWF President, Guest speaker.

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST - The sixth annual breakfast for business and civic leaders will be held on Tuesday, April 29 at 7:30 a.m. Reservations (\$3.50) must be made.

PERSONAL MENTION: Mrs. J.W. Lehman is in Parkview Hospital, Room 231

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 1969

8:00 a.m. CLC Basics Class  
9:15 - Church School  
10:30 - Service of Worship  
(Nursery for children through age 3)  
10:30 - Primary and Kindergarten expanded sessions.  
4:00 - Bell Choir rehearsal  
5:00 - Junior Adventure Time  
5:00 - Youth Choir rehearsal  
5:30 - Chi Rho Fellowship  
5:30 - Christian Youth Fellowship  
6:30 - Basics for CLC Class  
2:00 p.m. - Monday, Basics for CLC

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JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME - 5:00

We will meet in the 4th grade room. We will begin a study of the Bible this week so please bring your Bibles with you. Mrs. Wm. Love and John Thompson will be guests.

April 6, 1969

Church Attendance	541
Church School Attendance	221
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1864.31
Church School Offering)	535.46
Easter Offering )	
Memorials-Mr. Shockney	85.00
Building Fund	15.00
	<u>\$ 2499.77</u>

Balance due Memorial Trust Fund . . .  
\$ 6600.00

### OFFICERS SERVING - April 13

ELDERS: Andrew Cook; David Hogg  
Alternates: Robert Rayl; Rufus Quinn

DEACONS: Captain-Edwin Allen

Robert Hendricks	Robert Ogles
Richard Burkett	A. E. Huddleston
John F. Hechler	Norman Strayer
Donald Miller	Orie McDougale

Alternates:

Frank Moody	LeRoy Timbrook
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DEACONESSES: April 13, 20, 27

Mrs. R. R. Ripple; Mrs. Fred Smell

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CAN YOU HELP? The state ruling concerning sending our CYF and Chi Rho young people to camp and conference requires that any church sending youth MUST provide adult counsellors. Only if such help is not needed will the youth be allowed to go from a church not providing counsellors. Therefore, as one of the churches sending large groups to these events, we need to supply adult helpers. Could you give one week this summer? Please contact Mrs. Bixenman at once, telling her of your willingness.

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### PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Robert Clipp is in Lutheran Hospital, room 691.



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## STATE CONVENTION IN SESSION

The 130th state convention of Christian Churches in Indiana will begin at 2:00 p.m. this Thursday at the state fairgrounds in Indianapolis. Theme: "Responding in Faith and Love". Featured speakers are Dr. Myron Cole, Bishop James Armstrong, Dr. Richard Lentz and Dr. George E. Owen. The youth section of the convention begins at 6:00 on Friday night, until 3:30 Sunday.

## CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS

Two important business items will be before our church congregation during the next two weeks: the nominating committee will report its recommendations for elders, deacons and deaconesses, and certain other offices, and will suggest persons for nomination as officers of the boards; the finance committee will present the proposed church budget for 1969-70. These reports will be given this Sunday, April 20, following worship, but will be acted upon the following Sunday, April 27, in the annual congregational business meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP GROUPING

The membership committee has grouped the entire congregation into 16 residential areas, and secured leaders in each area. Purpose is for better communication and/or help in any matters. These leaders will meet Wednesday, April 23 at 7:30, to discuss the plan with David Griggs, chairman.

YOUTH NOTES - Chi Rho and CYF will meet at 5:30 Sunday evening. It is most important that all CYFers be present, as there are but three more Sundays left for rehearsals before the Show is given on May 18. WE NEED YOU!

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 1969

8:00 a.m. CLC Basic Class  
9:15 - Church School  
10:30 - Service of Worship  
(Nursery for children through age 3)  
10:30 - Primary and Kindergarten  
expanded sessions.  
5:00 Junior Adventure Time - Theme -  
"Hobbies in Our Life" Mr. Mrs. Floyd E.  
Morrical, guests.  
5:30 - Chi Rho Fellowship  
5:30 Christian Youth Fellowship  
6:30 - Basic for CLC Class  
2:00 p.m. - Monday, Basics for CLC.  
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April 26, 1:30-4:30 - Vacation Church  
school Training Institute.  
April 28, 7:30 p.m. Meeting, Vacation  
Church School staff.  
Sunday, April 27, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. CLC  
"Come and See" Convocation.  
Thursday, May 1, 9:00 -2:30 CWF Lead-  
ership Training Institute.

April 13, 1969

Church Attendance	284
Church School Attendance	196
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1694.11
Church School offering	86.71
Easter Offering	35.00
Building Fund	2.00
Memorial- Mr. Shockney	10.00
	<u>\$ 1827.82</u>

Balance due Memorial Trust Fund . . .	
	<u>\$ 6600.00</u>

Officers Serving - April 30

ELDERS: Alfred Schell; Ralph Church  
Alternates; John Thompson;

Harold Crowder

DEACONS: Captain - Edwin Allen

Robert Hendricks, Richard Burkett, John  
Hechler, Donald Miller, Robert Ogles,  
A. E. Huddleston, Norman Strayer, Orie  
McDougle.

Alternates: Paul Yentes, M. Finkhousen

DEACONESSES: April 20, 27

Mrs. R. R. Ripple; Mrs. Fred Smell

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### PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy is expressed by the church  
family in the death of Mrs. Ruth Cowen  
on April 9, and to the family of John  
C. Varner, who died suddenly also on  
April 9.

Good wishes are extended to Mr. & Mrs.  
Mark Akers (Cindy Pattengale), married  
in the sanctuary on April 12.

Mrs. Wanda McKenney, Lutheran 791  
Mrs. Opal Heller, Lutheran 595

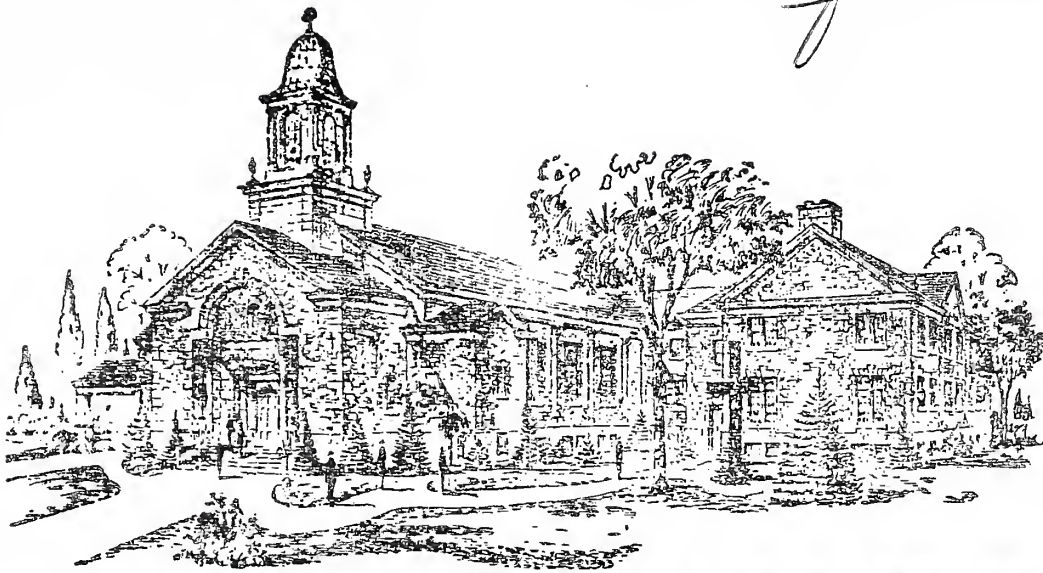
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Our Rick Hendricks was elected presi-  
dent of District #1 CYF, at its cabinet  
meeting at Kendallville on April 13.

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CWF rummage pick up April 22.

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## ABOUT THE CHURCH'S BUSINESS ...

The Christian Church has cherished its autonomous or democratic or congregational freedom and prerogative, for making its own decisions. This is not freedom as members to do nothing. It is a privilege, but primarily a responsibility to thoughtfully come to conclusions, then express them within the group or congregation, and ultimately to activate the decision of the whole body. The church has an added mandate: this is to search for the will of God, and to employ one's thinking and action in accord with what one interprets to be that will. This Sunday, April 27, following the service of worship, we exercise our rights as church members, by voting during the congregational business meeting on two important matters: a proposed budget for 1969-70, and nominations for the church Board.

## COME, AND SEE!

Sunday is your opportunity! Come to Fellowship Hall from 2:00-4:30 and see the new Christian Life Curriculum (CLC) materials for the first time.

These materials will be used in all our classes and groups at First Christian, beginning Sept. 14. They are totally new, so you will want to "have a look". We are host to those from 8 other churches thus to be good hosts you will want to be on hand to greet them. This is a "church-wide curriculum", touching every member, and of interest to everyone; board members, teachers, education committee members CWF/CMF, church school members - everyone! Remember: this Sunday, April 27,

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SET YOUR CLOCKS UP .. Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday morning. Move the clock-hands up one hour on Saturday night. Church School 9:15 EDT, Service of Worship - 10:30 EDT

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT ..

For ELDERS: George Bruckman, Wm. Caldwell, Wm. Love, Ronald McVay, Floyd Morrical, Rolland Ripple, Jack Weicker, Donald Smith, Hendricks Love Ben. J. Taylor.

For DEACONS: Ronald Aker, William Gilley, Nathan Love, Ross Nierman, Jack Sauerwein, Homer Stevenson, Robert Ulrich, Dempsey Weaver, Delmas Young, Charles Ludwig.

For DEACONESSES: Mrs. Herman L. Weber, Mrs. John Merrill, Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad, Mrs. George Bruckman, Mrs. Robert Rayl, Mrs. Harold Nordblom, Mrs. Paul Yentes.

Church TREASURER - Andrew C. Cook  
Assistant Church Treasurer - Herbert C. Banet.

Financial Secretary - Ralph Church;  
Assistant Financial Secretaries: -  
Romane Cole, Walter Birkhold, Wm. Crouse, Wendell Glass, Hugh Rice.

Church Clerk - Mrs. Owen Vaught

Church School Secretaries:

Mrs. Merle Rice; Mrs. John Thompson.

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### PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Don Parlette was welcomed back at the organ console last Sunday, after several weeks' absence due to a broken wrist; Mrs. George Davis and Dan Gawthrop, now in the Navy, served capably in the interim.

The moving solo sung by Mrs. Jack Weicker on Sunday was her own composition.

George Bruckman was sufficiently well enough to go home from the hospital Wednesday of this week.

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FRIDAY, April 25 - Dr. Frank Laubach will be speaking at the Trinity English Lutheran Church at 7:30 P.M.

## SUMMARY of PROPOSED BUDGET for 1969-1970:

I. Administrative expenses:	16,196.
II. Education, Church School and Youth .....	13,150.
III. Evangelism .....	900.
IV. Membership Development .....	1,200.
V. Outreach (22.2% total budget) .....	24,503
VI. Property .....	36,610
VII. Publicity and Promotion .....	1,000.
VIII. Stewardship & Finance ...	150.
IX. Worship & Fine Arts ...	15,775.
X. Contingency and/or Misc.	1,000.
	\$ 110,484.

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### CWF INSTITUTE HERE, MAY 1.

Women from churches in District One will come to First Christian next Thurs. day, May 1, for the annual Christian Women's Fellowship Leadership Training Institute. It will begin at 9:00 until 2:30. This is a leadership development institute, to cultivate plans and ideas for the new church year in CWF, to use resource materials, and to give direction to officers and leaders. Mrs. Teal Younce, Vice-President, Indiana CWF will be the resource person. She will direct the classes on CLC.

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MONTGOMERY Group: The bus trip to Chicago which was sponsored by the Montgomery Group has been cancelled. The Group will plan again in November.

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### "BLESSING OF BABIES" MAY 4.

A service for "blessing of babies and dedication of parents" will be held during the regular service of worship, Sunday, May 4, at 10:30 EDT. This 'rose service' is for any families, and is to be held on the first Sunday of Christian Family Week.

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

### INSTITUTE .....

Our Vacation Church School is scheduled for June 9-13. It will be an evening school, with classes for all ages, Kindergarten through adult, with child care for younger children available. Teachers have already been secured. This Saturday afternoon, April 26 from 1:30 -4:30 here at First Christian Church, we will have a training institute for all teachers. This institute is in cooperation with West Creighton Christian Church. There will be a leader to help teachers in all grade levels, Kindergarten through Chi Rho, with instruction in use of the materials and in crafts. Then, on Monday evening, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. we will have a staff meeting of all those who will teach in the school here.

### CHIRHO SKATING PARTY

There will be a Chi Rho Skating Party this Friday evening, April 25, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Palms, on Sand Point Road near Bluffton. Bring guests if you wish. Every Chi Rhoer is to arrange his own transportation. There will be no regular Chi Rho meeting this Sunday, April 27.

### CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

CYF members are all urged especially to be sure to be here for show practice this Sunday, April 27, at 3:30 p.m. Because of the CLC "Come and See" meeting in Fellowship Hall, we will begin our rehearsal on the third floor of the educational building. May 18 is the show date. Not much time remains! Be here this Sunday and at each rehearsal from now on.

Remember to register this Sunday for SPRING CLEAN-UP at Barbee. May 3-4.

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## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

April 20, 1969

Class	Att.	Off.
Friendly	7	\$ 3.25
Progressive	22	5.00
Come Double	18	12.00
Berean	13	5.70
'58 Class	30	14.60
High School	14	3.25
Chi Rho	22	3.90
Junior	25	8.80
Primary	28	6.27
Kindergarten	16	2.37
Nursery	10	1.58
Babes & Toddlers	4	.30
	209	\$ 67.03

### DATES TO REMEMBER!

E. M. C. Loyalty Day - May 18 & 25.

C. Y. F. Show - May 18

C. W. F. May Breakfast - May 20.

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"BEYOND LIBERALISM" .... by Robert Olmstead;

"Signs of revolution swirl and eddy around us like newspaper leaves in an autumn wind. Urban rebellions are increasingly organized. Campus militants are bent on the destruction of the university as we know it. All of Latin America threatens to erupt with Vietnam like wars of liberation."

"Beyond Liberalism" is worth careful consideration. Before writing the editor, write down your own convictions and what you have done about them.

--May WORLD CALL page 17

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Another PRO-CON Issue .....

"The Draft is Right - The Draft is Wrong." Read in May World Call what two capable Disciples say in opposing viewpoints on this issue.

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April 27, 1969

9:15 EDT - Church School  
10:30 EDT - Service of Worship  
(Nursery for children through age 3)  
10:30 - Primary and Kindergarten  
expanded sessions.

5:00 Junior Adventure Time

5:30 - Christian Youth Fellowship

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Juniors who plan to help in delivering  
Scrap-books to Orphanages, are to be at  
the church by 3:00 p.m. Others will meet  
at 5:00 in 4th grade classroom. Bring your  
Bibles; know your scripts; dress for out-  
door scavenger hunt!

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CWF - The HIGDON Group will meet  
with Mrs. Robert Clipp, 1108 McKinnie  
Thursday, May 1, at 7:45 p.m. Program  
will be given by Mrs. Helen Clymore.

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April 20, 1969

Church Attendance	305
Church School Attendance	209
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1149.81
Church School offering	67.03
Easter Offering	25.00
Building Fund	2.00
Memorial - Mr. Shockney	3.00
	<u>\$ 1246.84</u>

Balance due Memorial Trust Fund ...  
\$ 6600.00

Officers Serving - April 27

ELDERS: Fred Smell; Eugene Klepfer

Alternates: Myron Cole; Robt. Chevalier

DEACONS: Captain - Edwin Allen

William Wilson James Heavin

D. Wayne Penny George Davis

Romane Cole Vernon Moore

Alternates:

Arthur Mowery E.M. O'Laughlin

Ralph Weesner James W. Lehman

DEACONESES: April 27

Mrs. R.R. Ripple; Mrs. Fred Smell

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PERSONAL MENTION

William W. DeVinney, 4641 Avondale  
Dr., was baptized Sunday, April 20.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. &  
Mrs. Ronald Aker on the arrival of a  
daughter, Laura Ann, April 15.

Christian Sympathy is offered to Mrs.  
Edna Saxon on the death of a sister re-  
cently, and to Mrs. Elwood Parent on  
the death of her father in Cincinnati  
last week.

In Parkview Hospital:

George Bruckman, room 346; W.H.  
Imbody, 348; Thomas Weaver, 413;  
Mrs. Frank Vernor was a patient at  
Parkview last week.



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CHRISTIAN FAMILY WEEK - May 4 - 11, 1969

A service for "blessing of babies and dedication of parents" will be held during the service of worship Sunday May 4 at 10:30 A.M.

## GRADUATING SENIORS

If you have a son or daughter who will be graduating from high school this June, please notify Mrs. Bixenman at the church office this week. This is most important.

## YOUTH NOTES

CYF members going to "Spring Clean Up" at Barbee Camp this Saturday and Sunday, May 3 & 4, meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. Saturday. We will return on Sunday at 3:30, in time for the show rehearsal. Tickets for Show, May 18, will go on sale this Sunday.

CYF SPRING SHOW - "KIDS" Our CYFers have been at work on an original musical production, "Kids", which will be given Sunday evening May 18. There will be two shows, 5:00 and 7:00. Admission is 75¢ for adults and 50¢ for children. This includes a serving of pie or cake; coffee or Kool Ade. SAVE THE DATE AND SUPPORT OUR YOUTH.

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL - JUNE 9-13

HELP NEEDED We are still in need of some help in the kitchen during the week of Vacation Church School. We also still need donations of cookies for that week. If you can help out please call Mrs. Ted Bryan (485-8717, or Mrs. J. Ruble, 747-3563.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 1969

9:15 - Church School  
10:30 - Service of Worship  
(Nursery for children through age 3)  
10:30 - Primary and Kindergarten  
expanded session.  
3:30 - Christian Youth Fellowship  
5:00 - Junior Adventure Time  
5:30 - Chi Rho  
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Junior Adventure Time - program - Bible  
quiz contest and outdoor recreation.  
Anyone having unwanted 45 rpm phono-  
graph records, please give to Mrs. H. Love  
or Mrs. R. Hendricks, this Sunday.  
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The film "Crossroads at Cedarmount"  
will shown this Sunday to Chi Rhoers.  
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Official Board organization meeting will  
be held this Sunday following the service  
of worship in the Church parlor.

April 27, 1969

Church Attendance	248
Church School Attendance	185
Regular Church Offering	893.20
Church School Offering	60.41
Memorial-Mr. Shockney	50.00
	<u>\$ 1003.61</u>

Church Officers Serving -May 4, 1969

ELDERS: Herman Weber, Earl Plummer  
Alternates: Glenn Miller, K. L. Edwards

DEACONS: Captain, Edwin Allen  
William Wilson James Heavin  
Wayne Penny George Davis  
Romane Cole Vernon Moore

Alternates:

Merle Rice Leon Johns  
Herbert Banet Marvin Crouse

DEACONESSES: May 4, 11, 18

Mrs. Glenn Miller Mrs. H. G. Helmuth  
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### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The KEPPLER Group will meet with Mrs.  
Stanley Cole, 7430 U.S. #24, West, on  
Tuesday, May 6, at 9:00 a.m. Pro-  
gram Mrs. George Duncan; Worship by  
Mrs. Rex Meadows.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with  
Mrs. Arza Smith, 3113 Lillie St. Tues-  
day, May 6, at 1:30 p.m. Program by  
Mrs. Mary Wagner; Worship by Mrs.  
Mark Snyder.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs.  
Neil Allen, 4631 Thornley Rd, Wednes-  
day, May 7 at 9:00 a.m. Program by  
Mrs. Fred Smell; Worship Mrs. Hugh  
Rice.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. L  
H. Higgins, 5010 Woodhurst Blvd., Wed-  
nesday, May 7 at 1:30 p.m. Program  
Mrs. Robt. Donohue; Worship Mrs. Fred  
Hilker.



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## CHRISTIAN FAMILY WEEK

concludes this Sunday, which is Mother's Day. The service of worship will be one of tribute, in which families are urged to sit together.

Babies brought for the dedication service last Sunday were: Laura Ann (Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Aker), John Phillip (Mr. and Mrs. John Arruza), Stephanie Jo (Mr. and Mrs. James Knight), and Larry Christopher (Mr. and Mrs. Ben G. Taylor).

OFFICERS ELECTED in last Sunday's organization meetings were: General Board: George Bruckman, chairman, and Dr. James Ruble, vice-chairman; Elders: Herman Weber; Deacons: Geo. Davis; and Deaconesses: Mrs. Helen Clymore.

REMINDER: TO CALLERS for EMC We meet Thursday evening, May 8 at 7:30. It is important that you be present.

## LOYALTY SUNDAY

For the return and dedication of 'intentions of giving' or pledges for 1969-70, will be on May 18 during the service of worship. Every church member, singly or as a member of his family, is asked to consider his stewardship responsibility, in the light of the church budget of \$110,484 which reflects program and needs for the coming year. Members will receive cards by mail, for use at home in deciding what they plan to give during each of the next two years.

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Christian Woman's Fellowship will meet at the church Saturday May 10 at 11:00 a.m. to package treats for students and our service men.

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL  
Remember to save the week of June 9-13 for our FAMILY Vacation Church School! This is a new type venture for First Christian Church, and is an attempt to involve the entire family in a meaningful experience. Theme of the entire school will be "The Church" Children will study regular VCS material on this theme. Junior High will study "The Church - for Everyone", Senior High's will take up questions of interest to them regarding the profile of the Church in today's society. Rev. McGuire will conduct a study on "Who are the Disciples of Christ and What Do They Believe?" for adults.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 1969

9:15 - Church School  
10:30 - Service of Worship  
(Nursery for children through age 3)  
10:30 - Primary and Kindergarten  
expanded session.  
5:30 - Christian Youth Fellowship Show  
rehearsal.  
Chi Rho and Junior Adventure Time  
will not meet this Sunday

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Officers serving May 11, 1969

ELDERS: Cecil Rice; Bert Leversee

Alternates: S.E. Merriman, Hugh Rice

JUNIOR DEACONS will serve.

DEACONESSSES: Mat 11, 18

Mrs. Glenn Miller Mrs. H. G. Helmuth

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May 4, 1969

Church Attendance	253
Church School Attendance	187
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1518.70
Church School Offering	61.27
Memorial - Mr. Imbody	10.00
Building Fund	5.10
	<u>\$ 1595.07</u>

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Balance due Memorial Trust Fund ...
<u>\$ 6600.00</u>

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy is extended to the family of W. Harry Imbody, deacon and usher, who died April 29; and to the family of Mrs. Wonda McKenney, who died April 25.

Lutheran Hospital -  
Mrs. Olive Roy Room 584  
Barbara Finkhousen, room 429

Denise Clifton, daughter of the Rex Cliftons, broke an arm last week.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. Paul Kenline, 3131 Maple Lane Monday evening, May 12, at 8:00. Program by Mrs. Charles Dare, Worship by Mrs. Owen Vaught.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Charles Eckert, 8619 Decatur Rd., Tuesday, May 13 at 8 p.m. Program by Mrs. James Knight; Worship by Mrs. Kenneth Hunt.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, 1810 Chartwell Dr. Wednesday, May 14 at 8 p.m. Program Mrs. Donald Davenport; Worship Mrs. John Broom.

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## YOUTH ELECTED

Last week-end ten of our CYF members and Mrs. Bixenman attended the Spring Clean-up Work Camp at Barbee to get the camp cleaned and ready for summer use. At this meeting, district officers for the coming year were installed. Not only was Rick Hendricks installed as district president, but Barbara Love was installed as district vice-president, and Melanie McGuire named representative at large to represent the youth of the district at adult district cabinet meetings.

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## CYF SHOW - MAY 18

Get your tickets for the CYF Spring show "Kids" from any CYF member or at the coffee hour this Sunday. The show will be presented at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 18.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Best Wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Chase (Mildred Darwacher), who were married May 5, in the chapel; they will live in Decatur.



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#### REMEMBER MAY 18 - CYF 'KIDS'SHOW

Good music - including clever songs, and an orchestra! New stage settings! Bright costumes! The mayor of Forest Dale in person! The quartet, more or less! Snoopy and the peanuts gang! Fun acts! A good show, plus a piece of homemade pie with drink! This will be the CYF 'Kids' Show, presented twice this Sunday, May 18, at 5:00 and at 7:00. The whole family will want to come! 75¢ for big kids (adults), and 50¢ for kids. Our CYF is not only providing a happy evening, but doing a good service project; last year's show permitted them to give \$100 for mission in the Congo, and \$30 to a local charity. Come be a kid with them - to the CYF show and pie supper.

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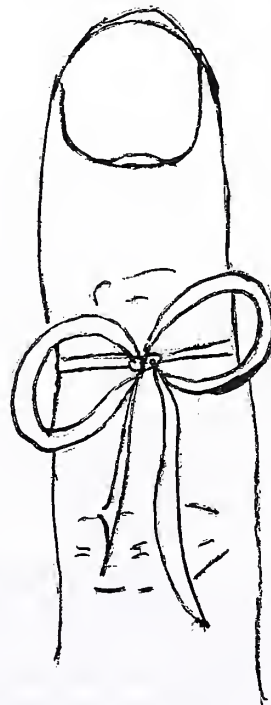
#### PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy is offered to Mrs. Charles Eckert on the death of her mother last Friday. James Heavin is in Lutheran Hospital 595. Don Parlette is new president of Fort Wayne Music Teachers.

REMEMBER MAY 18 -

- LOYALTY SUNDAY

Every member of the church will share in this special service of worship at 10:30 to reaffirm each one's loyalty to Christ and indicate his or her intention of service and giving during the new church year (which begins July 1). To do the Lord's work, the church must prepare and plan and budget; the board, committees and Every Member Commitment workers have given direction to what needs and activities are before us. Now, we all share in the privilege of commitment and participation. Each member will bring the 'Intention of Giving' and 'Intention of Personal Service' cards for dedication this Loyalty Sunday.



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*May 15 '69*

# CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 1969

9:15 - Church School

10:30 - Service of Worship

(Nursery for children through age 3)

10:30 - Primary and Kindergarten

expanded sessions.

5:00 - Junior Adventure Time, 4th grade room. Bring scrapbooks.

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Officers Serving May 18, 1969

ELDERS: Rufus Quinn, Herman Weber

Alternates: Albert Powell, W.C. Birkhold

DEACONS: Captain, George Warren

Virgil Montgomery Wm. J. Schilling

Stanley Cole, James Ruble

Mark Snyder Ted Bryan

Alternates:

Robert Ogles A.E. Huddleston

Norman Strayer Orie McDougale

DEACONESSES: for May 18

Mrs. Glenn Miller Mrs. H. G. Helmuth

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May 11, 1969

Church Attendance 210

Church School Attendance 171

Regular Church Offering \$ 815.60

Church School Offering 58.00

Building Fund 12.00

Children's Day 10.00

\$ 895.60

Balance due Memorial Trust Fund ...

\$ 6600.00

TEACHER'S MEETINGS SCHEDULE ...

Teachers of Children - Thursday, May

15, 8:00 p.m. 1810 Chartwell Drive.

Teachers and Sponsors working with

youth - Monday, May 19, 7:30 p.m.

1810 Chartwell Drive.

Teachers of Adults - Sunday, May 25,

8:00 a.m. - Christian Education Office,

First Christian Church,

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"WORK DAY" in the church, for special

cleaning and repairs, Saturday,

May 24.

CWF - MAY BREAKFAST - Tuesday,

May 20, at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Frank

Thomas, State CWF president, guest

speaker. Members and friends of the

church are invited.

SENIOR'S DAY, Sunday, June 1, 8:00

a.m. Breakfast for graduates at Baer

Field Lookout Room; 10:30 Baccalaureate

service for seniors from all schools in

our sanctuary.

CAMP and CONFERENCE registrations:

Junior or High School Youth planning to

attend camps or conferences this summer

must pick up blanks and get their

registrations to Mrs. Bixenman as quick-

ly as possible, to insure you an opportunity

to attend this summer. Registrations

will be accepted on a 'first come, first

serve' basis.

CAMP COUNCELORS STILL NEEDED...

While we do now have persons from this

church going to one of the camps this

summer, which in itself insures our youth

of consideration as campers, additional

men and women to serve are still needed.

Adequate staff for the camps have

still not been secured, so the number

going may still have to be curtailed.

If you can help, contact Mrs. Bixenman

immediately.

CYF SHOW REHEARSAL SCHEDULE ..

Friday, May 16- 7:30 -Dress rehearsal

Saturday, May 17, 7:00, followed by a

pizza party at Nierman's. Sunday, May

18, 5:00 & 7:00 p.m. SHOW TIME.

CHI RHO FAMILY COOK OUT ....

Our Chi Rho has scheduled a family

"pitch-in" cook out at McMillen Park

Sunday, May 25 at 5:30 p.m. Each

family is asked to bring meat for grilling

for the members of their family, a

covered dish for sharing, and table service

for their family.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE will meet

with the Smells 4126 Roxton Lane on

Wednesday May 21 at 7:30 p.m.

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## FOLLOW-UP SUNDAY

In the Every Member Commitment program will be this Sunday, May 25, when members who have not returned their "Intention of Giving" cards for 1969-1970 may do so during the service of worship. These cards may be brought or mailed to the church also. To do one of these three things will help the EMC committee, which will be scheduling visits on members who do not return their 'intention' cards.

ALL CALLERS who have agreed to participate in the EMC visitation are to be at the church at 1:30 this Sunday, May 25, for dessert. General instructions will be given, and each team of callers will receive names and addresses. Captains of visitation teams are Wm. Gilley, Wm. Schilling, Wm. Wilson. Members of the EMC committee are Geo. Bruckman, Chrm. Raymond B

Fredericks, James Ruble, and George Warren.

HOUSE CLEANING ... is well underway in the church building! The KADMAC JANITOR SERVICE is cleaning the building on a regular basis, beginning with a thorough 'stripping' and re-waxing of all floors. Rick Hendricks is also serving the church on a part-time basis, attending to some duties. There is no full-time custodial help in the building, which means any special arrangements or care must be specified well in advance of need. The building will be locked at times when the building is empty, therefore it will be well for members to call before coming by at 'odd hours' - noon, evenings, Saturday Sunday afternoons, etc.

Saturday, May 24, has been set aside as a special 'work day' when service projects of cleaning and repair are to be attended to. Men of the church are especially asked to come between 9:00 and 3:00 this Saturday.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. C.R. McMaken - St. Joseph, 207  
Mrs. Katrina Reddin, Parkview, 335  
Harold Richmond, Lutheran, 464

Shannon Kay was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, May 18, 1969. Her parents live at 1311 Cummins, Muncie. Mr. & Mrs. A.W. Mowery are the proud grandparents.

Sympathy of the Church is extended to Mrs. Wm. Caldwell in the death of her brother-in-law.

Pentecost Sunday, May 25.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 1969

- 9:15 - Church School
- 10:30 - Service of Worship  
(Nursery for children through age 3)
- 10:30 - Primary and Kindergarten  
expanded session.
- 5:30 - Chi Rho Cook-out
- 5:30 - CYF

Junior Adventure Time - Trip to Marion  
Members are welcome to stay at church  
for the noon meal and game time before  
leaving for Marion at 2:00. Return to the  
Church at 6:30. Parents are invited to go  
to Marion with the group.

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Saturday, May 24 - WORK DAY - 9:00  
to 3:00, for cleaning and repairs. Bring:  
buckets, rags, cleaning detergents and  
stepladders. Property and Care Com.

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Officers Serving May 25, 1969  
ELDERS: Harold Crowder; Robert Rayl  
Alternates: David Hogg; Wm. Crouse  
DEACONES: Captain - Thomas Frappier  
Frank Moody Paul Yentes  
LeRoy Timbrook Max Finkhousen  
Ted Bryan

Alternates:  
Virgil Montgomery Mark Snyder  
Stanley Cole  
DEACONESSES: May 25; June 1, 8  
Mrs. H.W. Crowder Mrs. F.E. Morrical

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May 18, 1969

Church Attendance	239
Church School Attendance	174
Regular Church Offering	\$ 953.11
Church School Offering	63.43
Building Fund	100.00
	<u>\$ 1116.54</u>

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Balance due Memorial Trust Fund ...  
\$ 6600.00

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GRADUATING SENIORS from 5 local  
high schools will be honored on Sun-  
day, June 1, in two church functions.  
The high school class and C. Y. F. will  
have seniors as special guests at a break  
fast at 8:00 at Baer Field Lookout Room.  
A baccalaureate service of worship will  
be held at 10:30, for seniors in our  
'church family' and any others who are  
invited to participate; they will pro-  
cess in caps and gowns, and sit togeth-  
er for the special service. They will be  
honored further by the fellowship hour  
following the service of worship.

THE CHI RHO FAMILY COOK-OUT  
will be this Sunday, May 25 at 5:30 at  
McMillen Park. Each family will bring  
meat for grilling, a covered dish to  
share, and its own table service. In  
case of rain, the cookout will be on  
June 15.

THE CYF WILL HAVE A BUSINESS and  
planning meeting this Sunday at 5:30.  
Officers for 1969-70 are to be elected.  
A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL - at  
the CYF pie supper and "Kids" show  
last Sunday. The show, directed by  
CYF'er Muriel Crouse, was not only  
good entertainment, but another ex-  
ample of constructive activity and co-  
operation. Among non-CYF persons  
who helped were Mr. and Mrs. Don L.  
Parlette; Chi Rho curtain-pullers Deb-  
bie Allen and Julia Crouse; orchestra  
members from Chi Rho and other  
churches; CYF 'alums' Sally Ellenwood  
and Marlene Crouse; Wendell Guldin;  
John Thompson; pie-makers and parents  
who served; and CYF sponsors 'Mayor'  
Marvin Crouse and Mr. and Mrs. Ross  
Niernan.

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TEACHERS OF ADULTS will meet on  
this Sunday, May 25 at 8:00 a.m. in  
Mrs. Bixenman's office.



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## THE CHURCH HONORS

### ITS HIGH SCHOOL

### GRADUATES

Greg Allen  
Muriel Crouse  
Janet Eckert  
Janice Eckert  
Cheryl Franklin  
Barbara Hendricks  
Linda Jenkins  
Jeff Olson  
Sally Overmyer  
Gary Parkerson  
Lee Ann Penny  
Anita Petty  
Nancy Skelton  
Janis Kay Smith  
Cindy Yentes

Southside  
Snider  
New Haven  
New Haven  
Southside  
Southside  
New Haven  
Southside  
Elmhurst  
Northside  
Southside  
Northside  
Southside  
Snider  
Elmhurst

A BACCALAUREATE SERVICE will be incorporated into our Service of Worship at 10:30 this Sunday, June 1. Graduates from live local high schools who are members of our church, and all others who will share in the service here are invited to wear caps and gowns and be in the procession of graduates. Graduates will sit together for this special service, in which several persons will take part. Following the service, the fellowship hour will also honor these graduates. Their families and friends are especially invited to attend.

THE SENIOR BREAKFAST, honoring 1969 graduates from high school, will be held at the Baer Field Lookout Room, this Sunday, June 1, beginning at 7:30. Guest speaker will be Mr. Richard Lauer Indianapolis, director of youth work for Christian Churches in Indiana. The breakfast is arranged by the Christian Youth Fellowship and high school class of the church school.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 1969

9:15 - Church School

10:30 Service of Worship

(Nursery for children through age 3)

10:30 - Primary and Kindergarten expanded session.

Youth Fellowships will not meet this Sunday evening.

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Officers Serving June 1, 1969

ELDERS: Kenneth Edwards,

John Thompson

Alternates: Ralph Church, Andrew Cook

DEACONS: Captain, Thomas Frappier

Frank Moody Paul Yentes

LeRoy Timbrook Max Finkhousen

Alternates:

William Schilling, James Ruble

Ted Bryan

DEACONESSES: June 1

Mrs. Helen Clymore, Mrs. F. E. Morrical

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May 25, 1969

Church Attendance 233

Church School Attendance 173

Regular Church Offering \$ 1216.20

Church School Offering 54.48

Building Fund 1.00

\$ 1271.68

Balance due Memorial Trust Fund ...

\$ 6600.00

THE CHURCH BOARD will meet this Tuesday, June 3, at 8:00. This will be an important meeting, needing attendance by all members; it will also be the mast meeting of this church year. New members and officers of the board will take office July 1.

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CHILDREN'S DAY, JUNE 8 - Special Outreach offering.

# CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Wm. Love, 341 W. Maple Grove Tuesday, June 3, at 12 noon, for a carry-in luncheon. Program by Mrs. Love, Worship by Mrs. Wm. Caldwell.

The DYE Group will meet at the church Wednesday, June 4 at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Fred Hilker, hostess, assistants, Mrs. V. Brickley and Mrs. Thos, Wunderlich.

The KEPPLER Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Ogles, 3322 Rosewood Dr. Tuesday, June 3, at 10:30 a.m. for a carry-in dinner. Worship by Mrs. Geo. Duncan

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. H. D. Rice, 7001 Premiere Dr. Wednesday June 4, at 9 a.m. Program Mrs. David Hogg; Worship Mrs. H. G. Helmuth.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Alfred Schell 236 Rexford, Thursday June 5, at 8 p.m. Worship by Mrs. Helen Clymore.

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL will be held June 9-13, with sessions for all age levels, including adults, using the theme, "The Church". The school will begin each of the five evenings at 7:00 until 9:00. Mrs. James Ruble asks that persons who will provide cookies during VCS please notify her (747-3563)

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THE EXPANDED SESSION for Primary children has been discontinued for the summer weeks, and Kindergarten will meet during the time of the service of worship through June. Nursery for 3 yr olds and under will continue all summer

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE for this summer, beginning JUNE 15, will be:  
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:00 until 9:50  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP 10:00 to 11:00

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## USE AND CARE OF THE BUILDING...

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE for this summer, beginning JUNE 15, will be:  
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:00 until 9:50;  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP 10:00 - 11:00

Those going to CHI RHO CAMP-OUT at Chain-O-Lakes State Park, this week-end June 3 & 4, be at the church at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, ready to leave. Bring equipment and supplies assigned to you.

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

The time for our Vacation church School is here. This will be a family affair, with classes for all ages, including youth and adults. It will be held each evening, June 9-13, from 7 to 9. Come and bring everyone in your household. Mrs. Ted Bryan and Mrs. James Ruble, directors of the School, are receiving registrations. The evenings are long, the light lasts even past 9:00, so let's enjoy this "new" Vacation Church School together. Rev. McGuire will teach the adult class on the subject, "Who Are the Disciples and What Do They Believe?" Many have asked for such a class; here is your opportunity. On Wednesday, June 11, Rev. Charles Dickinson, Ex. Dir., of the Rescue Mission, will speak concerning the work of the Mission which has helped a million persons such as, underprivileged families, transient and homeless men.

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## CHILDREN'S DAY, JUNE 8

Tucked in between Mother's Day and Father's Day, with their appeals for honors and gift-giving, is CHILDREN'S DAY - also an opportunity for gift-giving. These gifts are given BY and FOR children of humanity regardless of ages. It all began decades ago in the Christian church when a family of children heard of the needs around the world, and gave all they had in their piggy-banks to aid the church in its mission. This continues to be the purpose of Children's Day. Our special offering is to be given this Sunday, June 8, thru the church school at 9:15 and the service of worship at 10:30. It will be used to maintain Christian schools, churches and hospitals around the world.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Monthly Group Meetings

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet for dinner at Carriage Inn, Monday, June 16; Mrs. Paul Yentes, hostess, Mrs. Franklin McGuire, program; Mrs. Ronald Aker, worship.

The NELSON Group meet with Mrs. John Broom at their Lake Cottage on Wednesday, June 18 at 7 p.m. There is to be a carry-in dinner. Program by Mrs. M. Bixenman; Worship by Mrs. Howard Overmyer.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will have a carry-in dinner at the home of Mrs. H. M. Flowers, 9410 Saratoga Rd, Monday June 9, at 6:30 p.m. Installation of officers by Mrs. S.E. Merriman; Worship by Miss Mildred Hartman.

Due to the evening Vacation Church School the general Fellowship meeting has been postponed to Tuesday, June 24

### PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks Love take this means to cordially invite the members of First Christian Church to the wedding of their daughter, Deborah, to Michael G. Shannon, this Saturday evening June 7, at 7:30 P.M.

Mrs. James Knight, Lutheran 460  
Mrs. Pearl Koegel, Parkview 439  
Mrs. William Crouse broke a wrist on June 3.

The PROGRESSIVE Class will hold a picnic at Shoaff Park, Sunday, June 15, at 4 p.m. All former class members are cordially invited. A basket dinner will be enjoyed at 5:30.

YOUNG ADULT CLASS.. better known as MIGS, will begin meeting again in the kitchen, on Sunday, June 15, 9:00 Those just graduated from High school

## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 1969

9:15 - Church School

10:30 Service of Worship  
(Nursery for children through age 3)

10:30 - Kindergarten expanded session.

Officers Serving June 1, 1969

ELDERS: Robert Chevalier, Myron Cole

Alternates: Eugene Klepfer,

Alfred Schell

DEACONS: Captain, Thomas Frappier

Arthur Mowery Merle Rice

E.M. O'Laughlin Leon Johns

Ralph Weesner Herbert Banet

James W. Lehman Marvin Crouse

Alternates:

Wm. Wilson Wayne Penny

Robt. Westerfield Romane Cole

DEACONESSES: June 8

Mrs. Helen Clymore, Mrs. F.E. Morrical

June 1, 1969

Church Attendance 225

Church School Attendance 141

Regular Church Offering \$ 1071.65

Church School Offering 44.93

Building Fund 3.10

Childrens Day Offering 15.00

Reconciliation 5.00

\$ 1139.68

Balance due Memorial Trust Fund ...

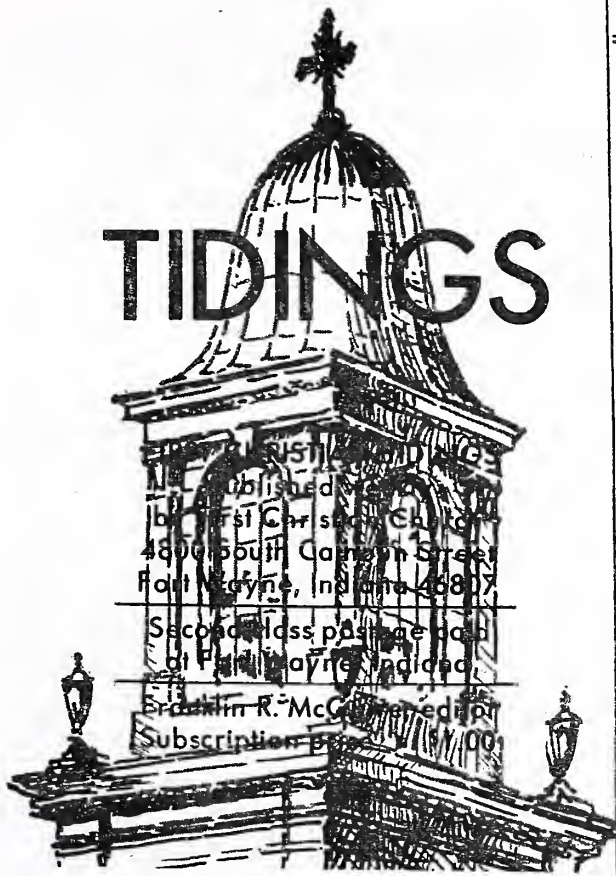
\$ 6600.00

BUILDING CLEAN-UP on May 24....

16 men and women responded to the call on "clean-up day. Repairs were made and corners cleared of debris. The committee and those who worked are to be commended on their fine job done.

will be special guests on the 10th, as well as those home from college. Ray Fredericks will be the teacher.

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE for Summer BEGINS THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 15:  
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:00 until 9:50  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP 10:00.

YOUNG ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP ..  
This Sunday, June 15, the discussion group for post high young adults will meet for the first time this summer in the church kitchen. Ray Fredericks will be discussion leader for the group. The group will convene at 9:00 a.m. and will enjoy rolls and coffee together. Bring any suggestions you have as to subjects you would like to discuss.

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COME DOUBLE CLASS PARTY

The class will have their annual carry-in dinner party on Saturday, June 14, 4:00 p.m., at Lion's Park on Carewe street.

WHEN THE CHURCH IS SCATTERED

The time for departure has come, and a dispersion is at hand! It happens every year during these weeks when numbers of persons take off to places known and unknown, for rest and recreation, visiting and vacation. Acts speaks of "those who were scattered . . . and traveled far" in the first days of the church. This affects the church drastically when there is "more going out than coming in" on the part of persons and their support. During the summer months when the routine is less rigid and more relaxed, some suggestions are offered to those who are mindful of God who neither slumbers nor sleeps, of a faith that is always dependable, and of the church that continues its worship and ministry in all seasons,

When you travel, include stops for worship in your itinerary; attend church with family and friends you visit, or drop into any hospitable sanctuary on Sunday morning. Most parks and recreation areas arrange services, or refer you to nearby congregations. And don't fret about 'correct clothes' - what's inside is more important than what you put on! Bring back orders of service and worship bulletins, or send a card; these are always interesting as well as informative as to where the flock has scattered.

Continue to "support your local church," by being Christian stewards of summer's time and resources, although the pace slackens somewhat and the Sunday schedule changes a bit until September: Church School at 9:00 until 9:50, and the Service of Worship at 10:00.

THE PROGRESSIVE CLASS will hold a picnic at Shoaff Park, Sunday, June 15 at 4 P.M. All former class members are cordially invited. A basket dinner will be enjoyed at 5:30.

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CWF. The MONTGOMERY Group will meet for dinner at the Carriage Inn, Monday, June 16; following the dinner the group will have their program at the home of Mrs. Paul Yentes, 3301 Sand Point Rd. Mrs. Franklin McGuire will present the program; worship by Mrs. Ronald Aker.

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CAMP and CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS ... All young people who will be in the 7 to 12 grades this Fall and who wish to attend one of the camp or conferences this summer are reminded to get their registrations in quickly, as these events are fast filling up.

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL closing Program ... Parents and friends of those in our Vacation Church School this week are invited to come at 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 13, for a brief but interesting closing program. Come to the sanctuary. The brief program will be followed by a walk through the rooms where the children and youth have met, and refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

#### PERSONAL MENTION

The church extends its congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Michael C. Shannon (Deborah Love) who were married in the sanctuary on June 7. They are at home in Indianapolis.

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Adults who accompanied 13 Chi Rho youth to a camp-out at Chain-O-Lakes Park last week-end were Mr. & Mrs. S. Morehouse, sponsors, Mr. & Mrs. Merle Rice and Mrs. Bixenman.

Officers Serving June 15, 1969

ELDERS: Walter Birkhold

Glenn Miller

Alternates: Earl Plummer, Fred Smell

DEACONS: Captain, Thomas Frappier

Arthur Mowery Merle Rice

E. M. O'Laughlin Leon Johns

Ralph Weesner Herbert Banet

James W. Lehman Marvin Crouse

Alternates:

James Heavin George Davis

Vernon Moore

DEACONESSES: June 15, 22, 29

Mrs. Helen Clymore Mrs. Rufus Quinn

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June 8, 1969

Church Attendance	235
Church School Attendance	164
Regular Church Offering	1567.10
Church School Offering)	148.04
Children's Day )	93.25
Building Fund	27.00
	<u>\$1835.39</u>

Balance due Memorial Trust Fund ...  
\$ 6600.00

#### CWF-MIGRANT MINISTRY

The CWF Service department are making Migrant Ministry Sharing project kits, and are in need of some items to complete the kits. Lists of items needed are listed on the bulletin board and the box properly labelled is below the bulletin board just inside the entry. Any contribution to this cause will be appreciated.

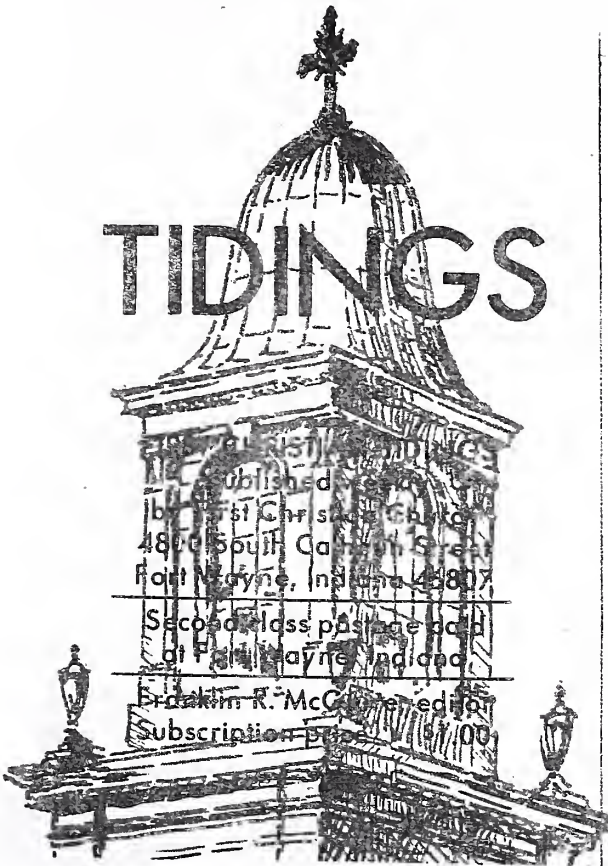
Mrs. Robert Hendricks, Service Director.

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General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be at Seattle - August 15-20.

CWF Retreats: Bedford, Aug. 2-3; Indian Lake July 23-24; Sept. 6-7; Fee \$11.00; Geneva Center, Sept 12, 13, 14 Sept. 20-21; Sept 24-25; Fee \$14.00

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# TIDINGS



VOLUME XXVI June 19, 1969 No. 38

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE ...

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:00 until 9:50

SERVICE OF WORSHIP 10:00

The Summer schedule will continue through August.

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## YOUNG ADULT CLASS OFF TO A

### GOOD START.

The Young adult (post high) class got off to a good start last Sunday. Ray Fredericks is the teacher and met with 12 of our young adults, plus 2 visitors, in the kitchen. Discussion and enthusiasm was good.

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Christian Women's Fellowship Retreats: One at Bedford Camp August 2-3; two at Indian Lake, July 23 -24; September

## REPORT ON E.M.C.

George Bruckman, chairman, reports the final figures of the Every Member Commitment program for 1969-70 as being "Intentions of Giving" from 342 persons, totaling \$67,822.00. This is far removed from the accepted budget, approved by the congregation, but persons who have served in finance and stewardship responsibilities in the church state that this is an approximate amount of pledges to be expected. This indicates that many persons give without making any commitment, which is difficult for planning program, but it does suggest that members of the church "comethrough" with necessary giving. The finance committee will now arrive as correctly as possible at an actual working budget for the church year, beginning on July 1. The EMC Committee is to be commended for its leadership which entailed long hours of conscientious work: George Bruckman, Ray Fredericks, James Ruble, and George Warren; and their team captains: William Gilley, William Schilling, and William Wilson.

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6-7; fee \$11.00. Three at Geneva Center, near Rochester, September 12, 13, 14, fee \$18.00; and September 20-21; September 24-25, fee \$14.00. Registrations must be in one month prior to date of going.

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"Evangelism at Seattle" in July-August World Call tells of five disciples who will receive special recognition at the Assembly at Seattle, August 15- 20.

Officers Serving June 22, 1969  
 ELDERS: Hugh Rice, S.E. Merriman  
 Alternates: Bert Leversee, Herman Weber

DEACONS: Captain, Edwin R. Allen  
 Robt. Hendricks Robert Ogles  
 Richard Burkett A.E. Huddleston  
 John Hechler Orie McDougale  
 Donald Miller

Alternates:

Frank Moody LeRoy Timbrook

DEACONESSES: June 22, 29

Mrs. Helen Clymore Mrs. Rufus Quinn

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June 15, 1969

Church Attendance	215
Church School Attendance	133
Regular Church Offering	1338.00
Church School Offering	43.49
Children's Day	3.38
	<u>\$ 1394.87</u>

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

General Meeting - June 24, 1969

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Program and Worship by Nelson Group  
 "In CWF-How Wide Is Our Vision"  
 Hostesses from McGavran Group; Guild  
 will serve refreshments.

EXECUTIVE MEETING will be held at  
7:00 prior to the general meeting at  
8:00.

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MIGRANT MINISTRY - Work is under  
 way again this summer in the Migrant  
 Ministry at Monroeville. The CWF is  
 participating in a city-wide project of  
 providing various supplies, for use a-  
 mong migrant families. Gifts may be  
 brought to the church, of money or  
 such items as: soap, hand towels, tooth-  
 brushes and paste, tissues, combs, sew-  
 ing supplies, school supplies, small toys  
 for boys and girls, and draw-string bags  
 for these items.

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FAMILY VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

A GOOD EXPERIENCE .....

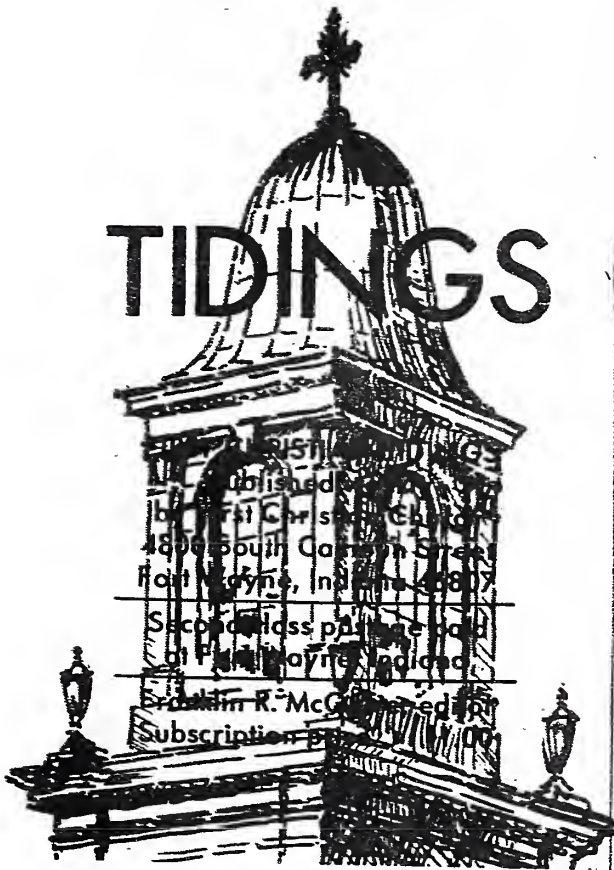
Our first evening Family Vacation  
 Church School ended last Friday on a  
 high note. 88 persons were enrolled,  
 with 20 in the adult class. Many spoke  
 of the relaxed atmosphere with the even-  
 ing hours. A high light was the movie,  
 "The Big R" and talk by the Rev. Mr.  
 Charles Dickinson of the Fort Wayne  
 Rescue Mission. 43 adults helped in  
 the school in addition to Mrs. Ted Bry-  
 an and Mrs. James Ruble, co-directors,  
 and Mrs. Bixenman. These included  
 Mrs. Merle Rice, Linda King, Mrs. Wm.  
 Wilson, Nursery; Mr. and Mrs. Wm.  
 Schilling, Mrs. Thomas Frappier, in the  
 Kindergarten; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sauer-  
 wein, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Grimm, Mrs.  
 Donald Davenport, Mrs. Dennis Andrew,  
 Primary; Mr. & Mrs. Robt. Hendricks,  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weicker, Mrs. Den-  
 nis Graham, Junior Dept.; Mr. and Mrs.  
 Ralph Church, Mrs. F.R. McGuire, Chi  
 Rho; Rev. McGuire, adults. Mrs. Robt  
 Urich and Mrs. Orie McDougale were in  
 charge of music; Mrs. F.E. Jenkins, Mrs.  
 Geo. Duncan, Mrs. Geo. Bruckman, Mrs.  
 Carl Lazzaro were registrars. Mrs. Mon-  
 ette Wetzel was in charge of refresh-  
 ments assisted by Patty Wetzel, Becky  
 Banet, Mrs. Russell Wortley, Mrs. Geo.  
 Warren, Mrs. Paul Yentes, Mrs. Clair  
 Buskirk, Mrs. Ronald Akers, Mrs. Her-  
 man Weber, Mrs. A.N. Shockney, Mrs.  
 Gene Shirley, Mrs. F.E. Morrical. Mrs.  
 Sarah Likens, Mrs. Juanita Dusing, Mrs.  
 Mary Wagner cared for the babies.  
 Many people provided cookies and other  
 supplies for which we are grateful.

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Do you know that the Christian Church  
 now has a moderator? Do you know his  
 name? The July-August World Call has  
 a feature story on this person, written by  
 J. Edward Moseley.

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# TIDINGS



Volume XXVI June 26, 1969 No. 39

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

CHURCH SCHOOL ... 9:00 until 9:50

SERVICE OF WORSHIP ..... 10:00

This schedule will continue through August.

## 'GUS' TO BE HONORED

A special fellowship hour will be held this Sunday morning, June 29, at the close of the service of worship to honor August W. Mueller, who retired several weeks ago as custodian of the church building. Mr. Mueller is a member of the congregation, and serves in other ways, especially as usher and 'extra deacon'. By his out-going personality and desire to be of help, he has acquired a host of friends in the church. All are invited to greet him during this special occasion.

## HAPPY (MID-SUMMER) NEW YEAR!

Next Tuesday will be the 182nd day of 1969, never-the-less July 1 will begin a new year - new church year, that is! Months ago, on the recommendation of the board, the congregation approved changing our fiscal year from the old calendar year to this one that will coincide with state and national schedules. For instance, our brotherhood year book is compiled following June 30; officers of most church agencies and organizations begin terms on July 1, and records and 'books' are dated accordingly.

Therefore, our general board for 1969-70 becomes effective next week, with the first meeting scheduled on July 8 (first Tuesday after the first Sunday of the month.) Incoming officers are: Geo. R. Bruckman, chairman; Dr. James Ruble vice-chairman; Mrs. Owen Vaught, secretary and clerk; and Andrew C. Cook treasurer. These, along with elders, deacons and deaconesses elected to new 3-year terms, will be installed during the service of worship on July 13. Members and chairmen of functional committees are in process of being appointed. The retiring officers of the board who have served 18-month terms because of the transition to the new fiscal year, are to be commended for their leadership. They are Ralph E. Church, chairman, and William E. Wilson, vice-chairman.

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NEW PIANO - A new Wurlitzer piano has been acquired for use in the Junior and Chi Rho departments on the 3rd floor of the building. Several pianos are on hand, but few can be tuned; this one will be a helpful addition for church school purposes and youth meetings.

# Officers Serving June 29, 1969

ELDERS: David Griggs, Albert Powell

Alternates: John Merrill, Cecil Rice

DEACONS: Captain, Edwin R. Allen

Robert Hendricks Robert Ogles

Richard Burkett A.E. Huddleston

John Hechler Orie McDougale

Donald Miller

Alternates:

Paul Yentes Max Finkhousen

DEACONESSES: June 29, 1969

Mrs. Helen Clymore, Mrs. Rufus Quinn

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June 22, 1969

Church Attendance 237

Church School Attendance 165

Regular Church Offering \$ 1224.04

Church School Offering 53.20

Building Fund 2.00

\$ 1279.24

Amount still due Memorial Trust Fund

\$ 6600.00

DOCKET of BUSINESS for the Biennial General Assembly, at Seattle, Washington, August 15-20, 1969: This booklet contains the text of all Reports and Resolutions submitted for General Assembly consideration and action at Seattle. A copy of this Docket is in the church office and anyone interested in reading all or parts of it, it is available to them.

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## CHRISTIAN LIFE CURRICULUM

September 7 fast approaches. It is an important date for all of us, for that is the day we will first begin using the new CLC materials for the Church's School. One of the outstanding features of the new CLC is the "one perspective church wideness of the teaching. Perhaps the writers were guided by Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, where, in the first chapter, vss. 5 & 6, he says, "I

## PERSONAL MENTION

Our thanks to Mrs. John C. Gerrard, who is painist for several children's classes, for her substantial contribution toward the purchase of the new Wurlitzer piano.

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AMONG THOSE IN WORSHIP RECENTLY: Mr. Ward Bundy and Mr. Robert Clipp, after lengthy illnesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vanderwall, Bill Grady and Jane, from St. Paul; Miss Ethel Shreve, retired missionary to India, now living in Wooster, Ohio; Bruce Lehman, home for 36 days before leaving for Viet Nam; several students, home during the summer from colleges and universities - several were in their special discussion class again this past Sunday, with Ray Fredericks, teacher.

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## THREE RIVERS FESTIVAL .....

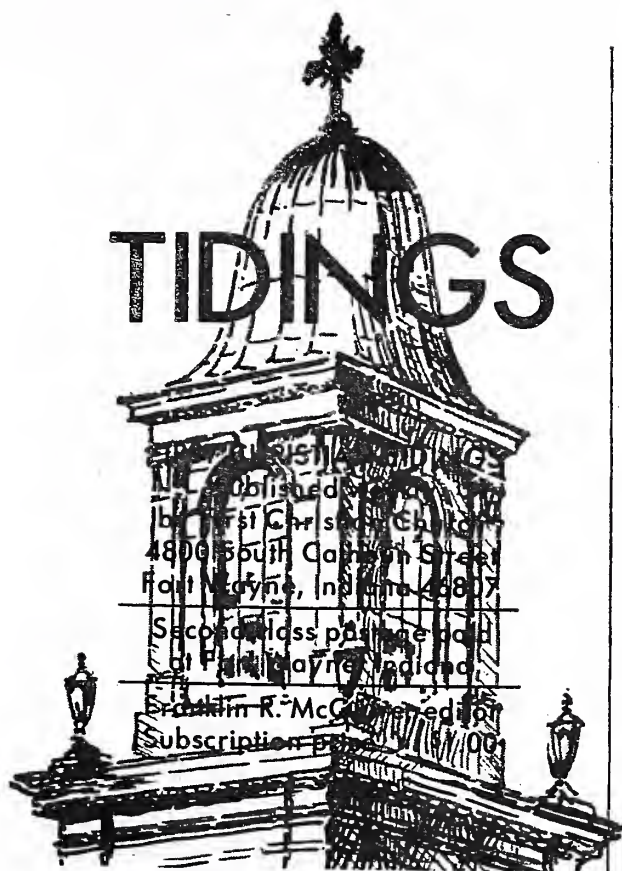
will be held in Fort Wayne July 12-20 1969. During this period there are a large number of events scheduled for the entertainment of the expected 250,000 people that will come to the city for this 175th anniversary of the first settlers in this area.

Members of this congregation are invited to attend this festival, and to also invite friends and relatives who plan to come to the city for the festival to attend our service of worship on Sunday

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remember the sincere faith you have, the kind of faith that your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice also had. I am sure that you have it also. For this reason I remind you to keep alive the gift that God gave to you when I laid hands on you." The leading of our children deeply into Christian life is not "education" or "evangelism", but, "nurture". How better can we keep alive the faith than by family discussion and living.

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Volume XXVI July 3, 1969 No. 40

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE  
CHURCH SCHOOL ... 9:00 until 9:50  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP ..... 10:00  
This schedule will be through August.

#### RESPONSE TO "MANIFESTO"

The "Manifesto" adopted by the National Black Economic Development Conference in Detroit on April 26 and addressed to white churches and synagogues has caused concern across the nation. Its language has been called irresponsible, inflammatory and dangerous. Funds for 9 programs are demanded from white churches, which would amount to \$500 million, as "reparations" for alleged exploitation of past years. Strategy is outlined for raising the money, including total disruption of selected church-sponsored agencies.

The General Board of the Christian Churches, meeting in St. Louis last month, rejected the extremism of the "Manifesto" but called for dramatic increases in its own program of behalf of the poor, the powerless and the victims of racism. The 250-member board flatly said "no" to black racism, violence, extortion, revenge and a "blanket condemnation of the church." Grievances of minority groups were acknowledged and the General Assembly of the church will be urged in its Aug. 15-20 meeting in Seattle to extend "Reconciliation" to four years and to double the amount of the money sought to \$4 million, for ministry in the urban crisis and problems of poverty and race. The Board's message said the manifesto "contains an ideology we cannot accept, a methodology we cannot approve, and a language which we feel is excessive and inflammatory." In a section of the message titled "Guidelines for Local Congregations," churches were asked to respond in good faith to just grievances and to consider use of financial resources, investments, contracts for work and program involvements in the light of Christian opposition to all forms of racism - both black and white.

No services have been interrupted in Fort Wayne for presentation of the "Manifesto" but in such event, most ministers have indicated they will urge courteous behavior and attempt to arrange a time for its reading, but should this fail then immediately dismiss the service. In all of these tense and frustrating situations, we must labor to be correctly informed, to be understanding and to activate our Christian faith and attitude.

Officers Serving July 6, 1969  
 ELDERS: Herman Weber, Hugh Rice  
Alternates: George Bruckman  
 William Crouse

DEACONS:  
 George Davis James Ruble  
 Wm. Gilley Ross Nierman  
 Vernon Moore Ted Bryan  
 Robert Ogles George Warren

Alternates:  
 Virgil Montgomery Stanley Cole  
 A.E. Huddleston Robert Urich

DEACONESSES: July 6, 13, 20  
 Mrs. Herman Weber Mrs. Helen Clymore

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June 29, 1969

Church Attendance	221
Church School Attendance	126
Regular Church Offering	\$1003.75
Church School Offering	43.68
	<u>\$ 1047.43</u>

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Amount still due Memorial Trust Fund  
 \$ 6600.00

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#### HIGDON GROUP

Will have their picnic at the home of  
 Mrs. Esther Whitton, 3308 So. Clinton  
 on Monday, July 7, at 6:30.

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#### CHURCH PROPERTY

Members and other users of the church  
 property are again asked to give careful  
 attention to proper use and care of rooms  
 furnishings and utilities. This includes  
 double-checking that doors and win-  
 dows, especially on the ground floor, are  
 locked. A break-in occurred on Monday  
 night, June 30, with 3 interior doors and  
 facings badly damaged, and the Coca-  
 Cola machine pried open and its cash  
 taken. Police are being very helpful, and  
 are investigating. Those on the church  
 staff are trying to give all possible at-  
 tention, by securing the building on  
 leaving. We regret that the church must

#### "KNOWING THE LIVING GOD" .....

##### COURSES OFFERED.

Three of our adult Church School Class-  
 es are studying the background theology  
 course, preparatory to beginning the  
 new Christian Life Curriculum in Sep-  
 tember. These include the "Come -  
 Double", the "'58'", and the "Berean"  
 classes. Any who wish to join these  
 groups for this summer study are wel-  
 come to do so. Rev. McGuire will  
 serve as resource person for these groups.  
 In addition, two "Bird's Eye" courses on  
 the same topic are being offered for  
 teachers, one beginning this Sunday at  
 9:00, and the other beginning July 7 at  
 7:00 p.m. Each of these courses will  
 meet only 3 times and are designed to  
 help these persons as they study for  
 themselves. Mrs. Bixenman will be the  
 leader.

##### YOUTH GIVE TO MISSION

Chi Rho Fellowship has sent a gift of  
 \$20.00 from money they raised with  
 their paper drives to our Cleveland  
 Christian Home to aid their "other  
 family". CYF is sending a sizeable  
 gift from funds they raised on their  
 Spring Show to help some young person  
 at Hazel Green Academy in Kentucky  
 attend school next fall. We are truly  
 proud of this spirit of sharing among  
 our young folk.

##### SECRET PLACE

Be sure to pick up your SECRET PLACE,  
 daily devotional magazine for July, Aug-  
 ust and September. These may be  
 found in the Narthex or on the window  
 sills across from the Chapel or outside  
 the sanctuary as you enter at the front  
 from the south.

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be locked at times, but conditions re-  
 quire such, except at regular service,  
 office or meeting times.

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There will NOT be a board meeting on  
 July 8, as previously announced.

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE  
CHURCH SCHOOL .. 9:00 until 9:50  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP ..... 10:00  
This schedule through July and August

#### CHURCH CABINET TO MEET

The church cabinet will have its first meeting of the new church year, 1969-70, on Thursday, July 10, at 7:30 p.m., according to George Bruckman, chairman of the general board. The cabinet which is for planning and coordinating of program for the church, is composed of officers of the congregation, sponsors and presidents or organizations and chairmen of boards and functional committees.

#### FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES

Members and chairmen of eight functional committees of the church have been ap-

pointed, to serve during this church year which began July 1. These persons are selected by the chairman and vice-chairman of the board, and chairmen of elders, deacons and deaconesses. A ninth committee is on stewardship and finance, which is elected by the congregation. Those appointed are: (first name is the chairman) Christian Action and community service, William Love, William Gilley, Charles Ludwig, Mrs. Fred Smell, Mrs. Terry King, Evangelism, William Wilson, Rufus Quinn, Mrs. Floyd Morrical, Delmas Young, Donald Morgan; Membership, John Thompson, Robert Ogles, Ray Hendricks, Mrs. Rolland Ripple, Mrs. Herman Weber; Property, Ted Bryan, Robert Ulrich, Mrs. John Merrill, Mrs. Edwin Allen, Bert Leversee, Ralph Church; Public Relations, Alfred Schell, Merle Grimm, Marvin Crouse; World Outreach, Hendricks P. Love, Ronald Aker, Mrs. Max Finkhausen, Jack Sauerwein, Miss Pearl Heidecker; Worship and Fine Arts, David Griggs, Thomas Frappier, Donald Smith, Mrs. Harold Crowder, Orie McDougle.

#### PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Susan Gump, in Parkview, #309  
Mrs. John Olson, Lutheran # 588  
Mrs. J.C. Koegel has been moved to the South Unit of Parkview Hospital.  
Rev. and Mrs. Barton Johnson will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Birkhold this weekend and will be in our worship service this Sunday, July 13. They have completed an interim ministry at Carmel Ind. and will begin another at Danville Illinois, on July 20.

Officers Serving July 13, 1969

ELDERS: Myron Cole, Wm. Caldwell

Alternates: Alfred Schell, Rolland R. Ripple.

DEACONS:

Robert Hendricks      Romane Cole

Edwin Allen              Ronald Aker

Nathan Love             John Hechler

Thomas Frappier        Mark Snyder

Alternates:

Wm. Schilling            Dempsey Weaver

Delmas Young            Orie McDougle

DEACONNESSES: July 13, 20

Mrs. Herman Weber    Mrs. Helen Clymore.

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July 6, 1969

Church Attendance                      219

Church School Attendance              141

Regular Church Offering      \$ 1508.41

Church School Offering              48.86

Building Fund                      53.10  
\$ 1610.37

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Amount still due Memorial Trust Fund  
\$ 6600.00

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#### WORSHIP BANNERS

A worship banner will be featured in the sanctuary each of eight weeks of the summer, with a different one placed in front of the communion table each Sunday. These felt banners, made by the Junior High department during Vacation Church School, are designed for hanging or for processions, and are of Christian symbols with both the designs and the colors having religious meanings. An interpretation of the symbolism will be in each Sunday's worship bulletin.

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At the General Assembly in Seattle, Aug 15-20, one evening's program will be on FACING CRUCIAL ISSUES: these are - the campus crisis, law and order, and

#### THREE RIVERS FESTIVAL

Will be held in Fort Wayne the week of July 12-20. There will be 60-70 events scheduled for the entertainment of the people who will be coming for this 175 Anniversary of the first settlers in this area. First Christian cordially invites your friends and relatives to attend our worship service on Sunday the 20th.

#### PROJECT COMMITMENT

" The Executive Committee for this program has been elected and has had two meetings in preparation for the sessions which will start on Monday, Oct. 6. PROJECT COMMITMENT is a plan to take seriously the problem of racism. It is based on the belief that religious values and institutions should provide the rationale and structure for implementing justice among all men, and an acceptance of the God-given equality and dignity of every human being. The purpose of the program is to educate and motivate, the leaders of our churches to the opportunities of the local church in helping to create reconciliation between the races in our society. This will be done through a series of six meetings beginning Monday, October 6th."

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#### CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

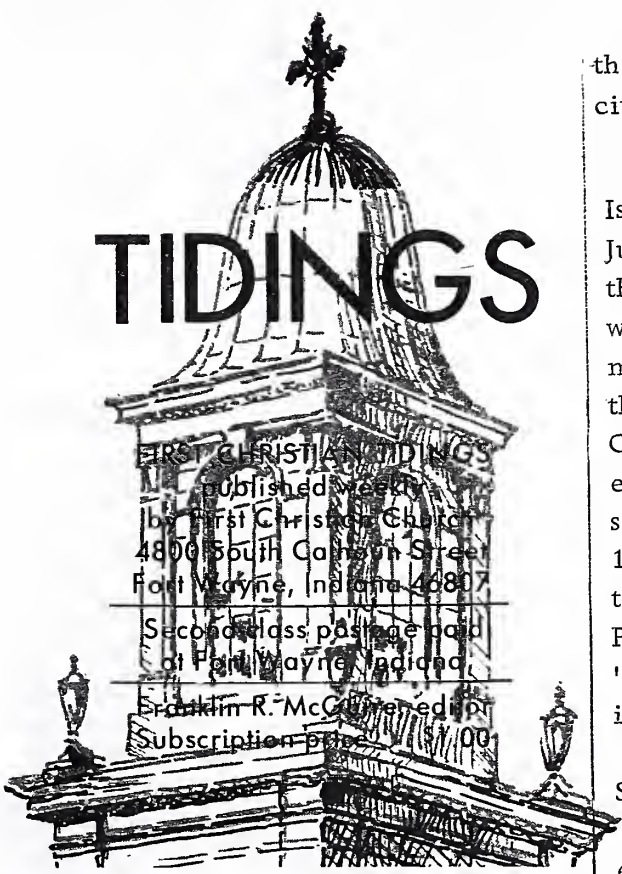
Mrs. Paul Keisler, Dean of the Christian Leadership School, has announced that the sessions for 1969 will be held at the First Baptist Church, 2323 Fairfield Ave. on Monday evening, from September 22 to October 27th. COURSES will be offered for each age level in the Church School plus four general courses on topics of special interest for teachers in the Church school and others interested in the Church.

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the revolution in morals. There will be top speakers for each field.

*John*

# TIDINGS



Volume XXVI July 17, 1969 No. 42

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE  
CHURCH SCHOOL .. 9:00 until 9:50  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP ..... 10:00  
This schedule through July and August  
REV. POTEET TO PREACH SUNDAY ..

Rev. Kenneth L. Potee, now living in Indianapolis, will be guest preacher this Sunday, July 20, at the 10:00 service of worship. Mr. and Mrs. Potee served for many years as missionaries to India, representing Christian Churches through the United Christian Missionary Society. They visited our church last winter, showing slides of rural and village life in India, during a fellowship supper-meeting. Mr. Potee speaks to many churches and church related meetings, such as conventions and conferences. Men of the church will lead the worship service this Sunday, during Mr. McGuire's absence;

the McGuire family will be out of the city July 18-24.

## TIDINGS SCHEDULE

Issues of "Tidings" will be published on July 24 and 31, then discontinued for the four weeks of August, in keeping with the postal permit and arrangements for vacations and attendance to the General Assembly of the Christian Churches. Mrs. Vaught and Mrs. Bixenman will be our delegates to the Assembly in Seattle, Washington, Aug. 15-20, and will incorporate a vacation trip with travel to and from Seattle. Persons or groups with material for the "Tidings" for the summer must have it in the office this week.

## SERVICE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The church cabinet has recommended that a service be held on Sunday, October 5, during morning worship for a formal installation of new board members and ordination of new elders. Although the church year will be three months past then, it will be an opportune time for such recognition of church leaders on that day, which will be World Communion Sunday. Summer weeks are not conducive for such emphasis, and the broadcasting of services during September presents problem at that time.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. C. R. McMaken, St. Joseph #217  
Mrs. O. G. Baugher, at Lutheran  
Mrs. Hamer, Mrs. Shockney's sister is at Parkview, # 540  
Sympathy of the church is extended to Mrs. John Olson on the death of her mother on July 13.

Beginning this Sunday, July 20, Becky Buskirk and Miriam Bixenman will be in Columbia, Missouri, attending the conference for persons interested in working with retarded children in the church.

The conference is being held at Woodhaven Christian Home, a school for the retarded operated by our Brotherhood.

Mrs. Bixenman will be there as a faculty member for the conference, Becky as a participant.

# ..... LAUNCHING THE NEW CHRISTIAN LIFE CURRICULUM

Preparations for launching the new CLC are well under way. Mrs. Wm. Love has been named chairman from the Christian Education committee to care for the details of this launch. There will be some changes in our present Church School set up, particularly in our children's and youth departments. Classes will be designated Nursery, Kindergarten, Elementary I (2 classes, including 1st and 2nd grade), Elementary II (2 classes, including 3rd and 4th grade), Elementary III (1 or 2 classes for 5th and 6th grade), Youth I (1 class for 7th and 8th grade), Youth II (1 class for 9th and 10th grade), and Youth III (1 class for 11th and 12th grades).

A complete re-enrollment in our Church's School is being made, with a contact made with every family in our church. It is the feeling that this is psychologically good, and should be a boost to our attendance. Watch Tidings in the near future for enrollment blanks. When these are published, fill them out immediately for every member of your family and return them to the church office or to Mrs. Wm. Love immediately.

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## Officers Serving July 20, 1969

ELDERS: William Love, David Griggs

Alternates: Fred Smell, Ronald McVay

## DEACONS:

Virgil Montgomery Stanley Cole

A. E. Huddleston Ted Bryan

Wm. Schilling Dempsey Weaver

Delmas Young Orie McDougale

## Alternates:

William Wilson Wayne Penny

Robert Urich Homer Stevenson

## DEACONESES: July 20

Mrs. Herman Weber, Mrs. Helen Clymore

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July 13, 1969

Church Attendance	204
Church School Attendance	142
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1313.70
Church School Offering	44.52
Building Fund	3.00
U. C. F. A.	8.25
	<hr/> \$ 1369.47

Amount still due Memorial Trust Fund  
\$ 6600.00

## DIRECTOR AT WEST CREIGHTON

Miss Barbara Schroeder began service as Direction of education and youth at the West Creighton Avenue Christian Church on July 15. A native of Oklahoma and graduate of Christian Theological Seminary, she served at Huntington 2-1/2 years and more recently in Oregon. We welcome her as a colleague in church work in Fort Wayne.

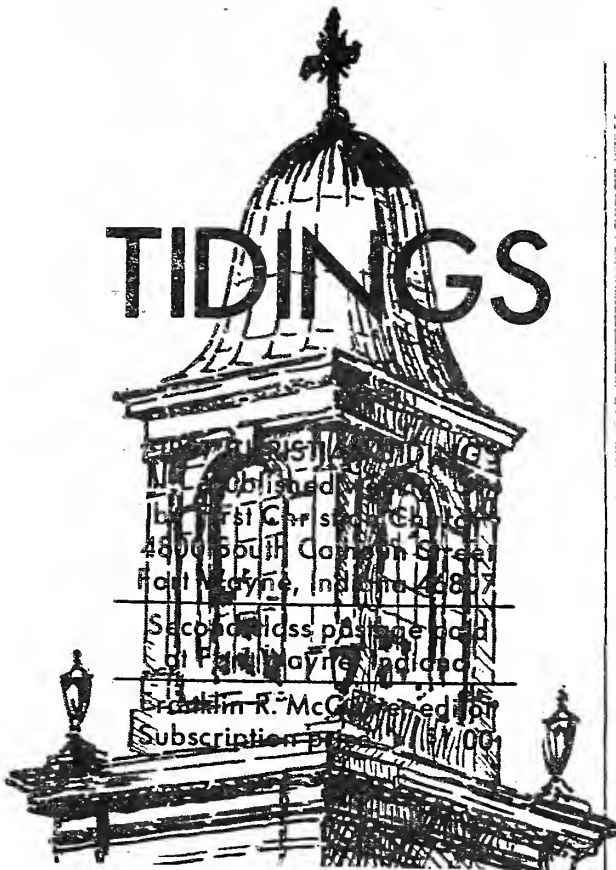
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A committee of five usually consists of the man who does the work, two to pat him on the back, and two to bring in a minority report.

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# TIDINGS



Volume XXVI July 24, 1969 No. 43

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

CHURCH SCHOOL .. 9:00 until 9:50

SERVICE OF WORSHIP .... 10:00

This schedule through July and August

NO "TIDINGS" DURING AUGUST ....

"Tidings" will be published next week as the July 31 issue, but will not be mailed during the four weeks of August. If there are announcements or information about the remainder of the summer, the material must be in the office by Monday, July 21.

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## PERSONAL MENTION ...

Mrs. Arza Smith was in Lutheran Hospital a few days last week.

Mrs. Mary Wilhelm was in St. Joseph's hospital last week also.

## CHI RHO CAMP

Young people who will attend Chi Rho Camp at Camp Barbee this Monday 28, through August 2, will be commissioned during the service of worship on Sunday July 27, by Mrs. William Love, who is a member of the education committee. Those attending camp will be: Barbara Taylor, Gary Hall, John Backert, Scott Rayl, Debbie Nordblom, Lee Ann Urich, Julia Hendricks, Valerie Williams, Wally McGuire, Doug Olson, and Jill Franklin. Adult leaders who will serve as counsellors at the camp will also be commissioned. They are: Mrs. Bixenman, who is director of the camp; Mrs. Clair Buskirk, Mrs. W.J. Williams, Mrs. Harold Nordblom and Rev. McGuire, who all leave on Sunday, for final preparation for the week. A number of high school young people will attend CYF Conference at Camp Barbee the week of August 10.

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## CHURCH SCHOOL RE-ENROLLMENT

Sunday, September 7, is launch day for the Christian Life Curriculum in the Church's School. Prior to this launch, we

are preparing to do a complete re-enrollment in our Sunday Church School. Whether or not you are now enrolled in a class, please fill out the appropriate enrollment blank attached, and return it to the church office by August 3. It is important that every person do this.

If you need extra blanks for members of your family, please make duplicates on plain paper and fill out one blank for each family member. Do not fill in the class assignment for children and youth.

This will be done by the Christian Education committee.

# Officers Serving July 27, 1969

ELDERS: Earl Plummer, John Merrill  
 Alternates: Floyd Morrical, Robert Rayl.

## DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig	Jack Sauerwein
William Wilson	Wayne Penny
Robert Urich	H.H. Stevenson
Robert Ogles	George Warren

## Alternates:

Vernon Moore	Orie McDougale
William Gilley	Ross Nierman

DEACONESSES: July 27, Aug. 3. 10

Mrs. John Merrill, Mrs. Max Finkhausen

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July 20, 1969

Church Attendance	137
Church School attendance	112
Regular Church Offering	\$ 848.80
Church School offering	42.78
Building Fund	50.00
U. C. F. A.	2.55
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	\$ 944.13

Amount still due Memorial Trust Fund  
 \$ 6600.00

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The last functional committee to be named is that on Christian Education: Mrs. W.J. Williams, Mrs. William R. Love, Ross Nierman, William Schilling and Delmas Young.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Those leading the service of worship on Sunday were Ralph Church, Herman Weber, Hugh Rice, and Kenneth Potee former missionary to India now living in Indianapolis, who brought the message. Mr. McGuire and family will return on Thursday of this week.

Mrs. Bixenman and Miss Becky Buskirk are at Woodhaven Home, Columbia, Mo., attending a leadership conference on special education.

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## SUMMER SCHEDULE THRU AUGUST

The Sunday morning schedule for the summer will continue through the month of August, with Church School beginning at 9:00, and the service of worship beginning at 10:00. We will begin the fall schedule on the first Sunday of September (7th), with Service of Worship at 10:30 and the Church School at 9:00. Services of Worship will be broadcast over Radio Station WGL in September. The church board will have its first meeting on Tuesday, September 9, at 7:30.

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## TO ATTEND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Two members and staff persons of our church will attend the General Assembly of the Christian Church as delegates of our congregation. They are Mrs. Miriam Bixenman and Mrs. Owen Vaught, who will leave on August 3 for Seattle, Washington, where the Assembly will convene on August 15-20. They will travel with friends from Illinois, as members of a trailer-camping caravan, staying in pre-arranged parks and camp-grounds at nights, and visiting points of interest while enroute, thus combining vacation with the assembly trip.

This will be the first actual Assembly of the Christian Church, as constituted in the process of "restructure" during the last several International Conventions of Christian Churches. Using the theme, "We Accept our Mission," the moderator for the Assembly will be Dr. Myron T. Cole, now of California who formerly served in Indiana. Now on a bi-annual schedule, the next Assembly will be in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1971.

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## CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL ...

Mondays, September 22, 29; October 6, 13, 20, 27. for Church School teachers, will be from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M., at the First Baptist Church. Fee \$5.00

CHILDREN and YOUTH ENROLLMENT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS (or Guardians) NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDAY \_\_\_\_\_ AGE LAST BIRTHDAY \_\_\_\_\_

DAY MONTH YEAR

GRADE IN SCHOOL (in September) \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL NEEDS

Pre-Elementary \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Years \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Years \_\_\_\_\_

( ) I AGREE TO ATTEND WITH REASONABLE REGULARITY

ADULT ENROLLMENT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER OF FIRST CHRISTIAN? ( ) OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT \_\_\_\_\_

PAST EXPERIENCE: TEACHING ( ) MUSIC ( ) ART ( )

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST NAMES OF CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE IN SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

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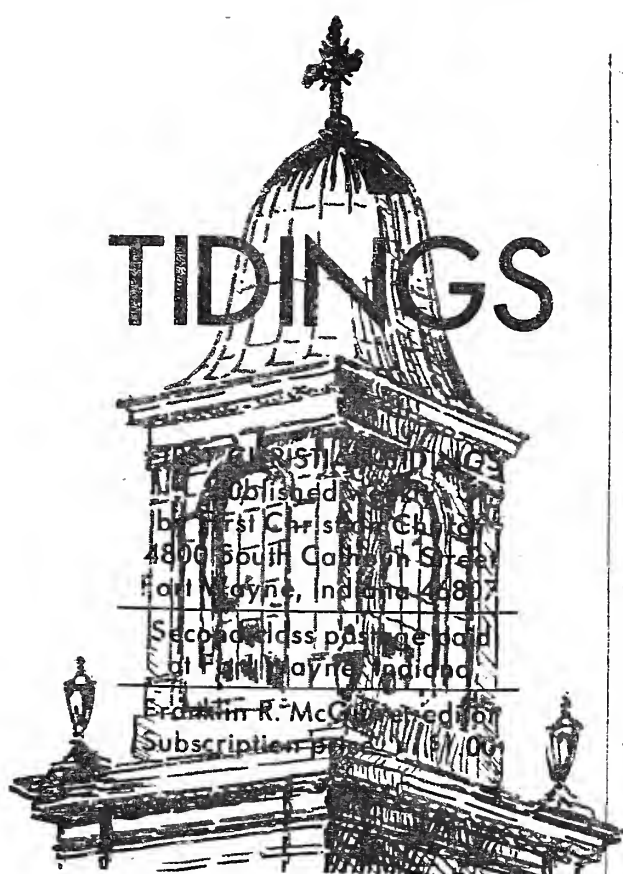
CHURCH SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIAL NEEDS \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

( ) I AGREE TO ATTEND WITH REASONABLE REGULARITY! \_\_\_\_\_

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE  
 CHURCH SCHOOL ... 9:00 until 9:50  
 SERVICE OF WORSHIP ..... 10:00  
This schedule through July and August

NO "TIDINGS" IN AUGUST

"Tidings" will not be published during the month of August, while Mrs. Vaught is away on vacation and in keeping with Postal regulations. The next issue will be September 4. Officers of the church are asked to note schedule of service for each Sunday in August:

ELDERS:

- Aug. 3 - John Thompson, Donald Smith
- " 10 - Jack Weicker, Andrew Cook
- " 17 - Ben Taylor, John Merrill
- " 24 - Wm. Crouse, Myron Cole
- " 31 - Rolland Ripple, Wm. Love.

Alternates, Please check your Elders schedule.

DEACONS:

Aug. 3 - George Davis, Orié McDougla  
 Robt. Hendricks, Romane Cole, Ronald  
 Akers, Nathan Love, John Hechler, Thos.  
 Frappier.

Aug. 10 - Edwin Allen, Mark Snyder, W.  
 Schilling, Dempsey Weaver, Delmas  
 Young, James Ruble, Charles Ludwig,  
 Jack Sauerwein.

Aug. 17 - Wm. Wilson, Wayne Penny,  
 Robt. Urich, H. Stevenson, Wm. Gilley,  
 Ross Niernan, Vernon Moore, Thomas  
 Frappier.

Aug. 24 - V. Montgomery, Stanley Cole  
 A. E. Huddleston, Ted Bryan, George R.  
 Davis, James Ruble, Robert Ogles, Geo.  
 Warren.

Alternates: Please check your Deacons  
 Schedule.

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The next meeting of the Church board  
 will be on Tuesday, September 9, at  
7:30 P.M.

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July 27, 1969

Church Attendance	215
Church School Attendance	116
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1014.60
Church School Offering	38.11
U. C. F. A.	2.35
	<u>\$ 1055.06</u>

Amount still due Memorial Trust Fund  
\$ 6600.00

PERSONAL MENTION

Wedding Invitation: Mr. and Mrs. Wil-  
 liam R. Love, invite friends in the  
 church to the wedding of their daughter  
 Margaret Ann. to Daniel James Erick-  
 son, Saturday, August 9, at 2:30, in  
 the sanctuary.

## ASSEMBLY IN SEATTLE

Many people will travel to the northwest for the General Assembly of the Christian Church, to be held in Seattle, Washington, August 15-20. Mrs. Miriam Bixenman and Mrs. Owen Vaught will be voting delegates from our congregation. A copy of the docket of business before the Assembly is in the office, available for review; 49 items are to be acted upon, and includes reports from agencies of our church, recommendations and resolutions, and nominations. Mrs. Bixenman and Mrs. Vaught will leave on August 3, combining vacation with the Assembly trip. Mr. McGuire will be in the office during most mornings of the week, or may be reached at home. 447-2238.

## RE-ENROLL FOR CHURCH SCHOOL

The form for re-enrollment in the Church's School is attached again to "Tidings", to be used by all persons and returned to the church by August 3. This is in anticipation of the increased emphasis on Christian education, thru first use of the new Christian Life curriculum on September 7.

## CYF'ers TO CONFERENCE

Young people from our church will attend CYF Conference at Camp Barbee during the week of August 10. They will be commissioned during the service of worship that Sunday. Chi Rho young people will return from camp this Saturday.

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

During the five Sundays of August, Church School will begin at 9:00 and the Service of worship at 10:00. Beginning September 7, the worship hour will begin at 10:30 (which will be broadcast

over Radio Station WGL for four Sundays) and the Church School will begin at 9:00.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Leon Johns had surgery last Thursday at Parkview. She is in room 310. Mrs. Harold Henry is at Lutheran, room 627.

## WORSHIP IN THE ROUND

12 of our Youth attended a special service, "Worship In The Round" at the Wagon Wheel at Warsaw, at 7:45 a.m. last Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Thompson were sponsors. There were about 100 people present in the service.

Congratulations: Mr. John Thompson has been appointed a member of the State Youth Commission.

## CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

On Mondays, September 22, 29; October 6, 13, 20, 27, a leadership training school will be held at the First Baptist Church, 2323 Fairfield Ave., from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Courses will be offered for teachers of Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary (grades 1, 2) Middlers (Grades 3, 4) Juniors in (grades 5, 6) Junior Hi's, Senior Hi's, and Adults. In addition to these age-level courses, we plan to have three general courses: The Religious Development of Young Children; Six one-evening seminars (workshops) on Art, Music, Library, Drama, Audio-visuals and Service Projects; and a Bible Course. One advanced course on the Psychology of the Pre-School Child will also be offered.

Please keep these dates free. The fee is \$5.00, per enrollment.

CHILDREN and YOUTH ENROLLMENT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS (or Guardians) NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDAY \_\_\_\_\_ DAY \_\_\_\_\_ MONTH \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ AGE LAST BIRTHDAY \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE IN SCHOOL (in September) \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL NEEDS

Pre-Elementary \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Years \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Years \_\_\_\_\_

( ) I AGREE TO ATTEND WITH REASONABLE REGULARITY!

ADULT ENROLLMENT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER OF FIRST CHRISTIAN? ( ) OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT \_\_\_\_\_

PAST EXPERIENCE: TEACHING ( ) MUSIC ( ) ART ( )

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST NAMES OF CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE IN SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL NEEDS

CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

( ) I AGREE TO ATTEND WITH REASONABLE REGULARITY!

Tidings: First Christian Church  
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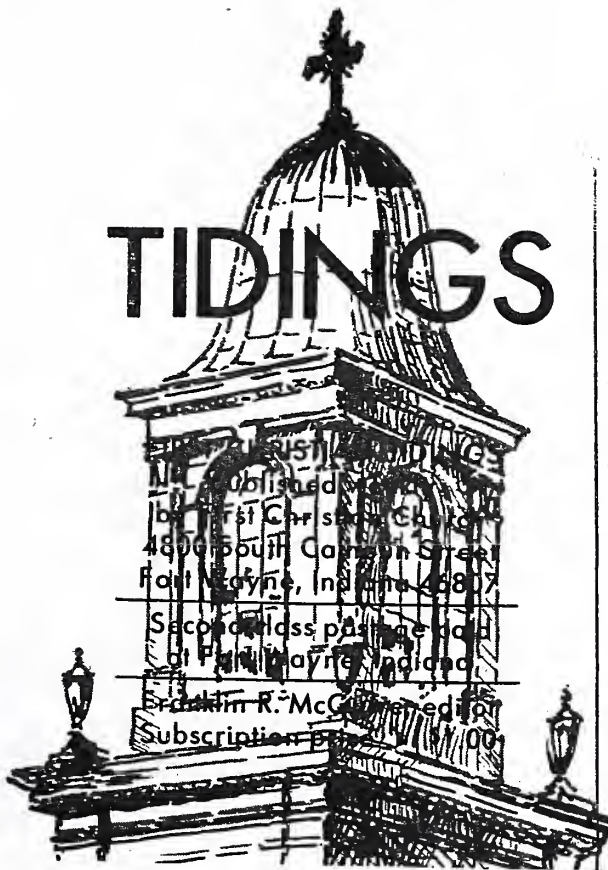
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# TIDINGS

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE	
CHURCH SCHOOL	..... 9:00
SERVICE OF WORSHIP	.... 10:30

"ACCELERATE..ESCALATE..ACCENTUATE.." could be appropriate words to apply to this time of year when the total life and work of the church takes on new life, and schedule and program becomes full and productive. Many persons return to a more definite routine, and some return home from days and weeks away, as September arrives and school begins. It's a good time to return to full participation in church life, in worship, study, fellowship and service. CHURCH SCHOOL begins each Sunday at 9:00, until 10:15. The SERVICE OF WORSHIP begins at 10:30. The complete order of service will be in use this Sun-

day, Sept. 7, which means all choir members are needed, and elders, deacons and ushers are reminded to check their schedule for responsibilities. During September, the service of worship will be broadcast over radio WGL.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE GENERAL BOARD will be Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 7:30. No meeting has been held since June, thus the new board for 1969-70 will have its first official session. Dr. Frank Lansing, of the Associated Churches, will be present during the first 30 minutes to present "Project Commitment," a local program to cope with racial problems. (The elders will NOT meet this month as usual, but the entire board will convene at 7:30) George Bruckman, chrm., will preside, and conduct this meeting including orientation especially for new members; a brief service of communion will conclude the meeting.

ALL STUDENTS who will be attending any college, university, trade or vocational school either in the city or out of town are requested to inform the church of the school and mailing address. Students or their families are asked to mail or telephone this information to the office.

PERSONAL MENTION: Congratulations are extended to couples whose weddings were solemnized in the church during August: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Horning (Cindy Pomeroy), Aug. 3; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Erickson (Peggy Love) Aug. 9; Mr. and Mrs. David Moody (Barbara Hudson), Aug. 17.

NEW BABY: Karla Kristine born June 10 1969 to Sam and Linda Jackson.

# Officers Serving September 7

ELDERS: Ronald McVay, Earl Plummer

Alternates - Herman Weber, . . .

Floyd Morrical

DEACONESSES Sept. 7, 14, 21

Mrs. Geo. Bruckman, Mrs. W. J. Williams

August 31, 1969

Church Attendance 178

Church School Attendance 135

Regular Church Offering \$ 1294.74

Church School Offering 45.16

Building Fund 2.00

\$ 1341.90

Amount still due Memorial Trust Fund.

\$ 5400.00

## PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy is extended to Walter Birkhold on the death of a sister on August 29, and to Miss Carole Overmyer on the death of her grandmother.

An invitation has come to the church from Rev. and Mrs. George Wascovich to the wedding of their daughter, Constance, to Stephen Richard DiCarlo, on September 6, in Atlanta.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Monthly Group meetings

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Rolland Ripple, 3405 Central Drive, Wednesday, September 10 at 9:00 am. Worship by Mrs. Neil Allen, program by Mrs. H. G. Helmuth.

The NELSON Group will meet at the church Wednesday, September 10, at 8:00 pm. Program, Mrs. Donald Davenport. Worship, Mrs. John Broom.

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### LOOKING AHEAD

CWF Retreats - September 12-14; 20-21; or 24-25 each at Geneva Center, Rochester.

CMF Retreats - September 12-14 at Indian Lake; Sept. 19-21 - at Barbee.

District 1 Convention, October 12 at

## CHURCH SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 7.

September 7 is the date when we will begin using our new Christian Life Curriculum materials in our church school. It is also PROMOTION DAY. The church school hour has been slightly extended, to give more time for the Christian education of our people. We will continue to begin at 9:00 a.m. with Church School dismissing at 10:15, in plenty of time for the 10:30 worship service. This Sunday everyone is asked to go to his old classroom promptly at 9:00 a.m., Then, each class in turn, Nursery through Chi Rho, will be promoted. This will not necessarily be in order, since several rooms need to be changed, but as one room is emptied, a class will be promoted into it. Promotion certificates will be given out in the old classrooms and Bibles will be presented to those entering third grade.

## CHURCH SCHOOL ASSEMBLY, SEPT. 14

At 9:00 a.m. September 14, our entire Church School will assemble in the sanctuary for a very brief period of celebration and thankfulness that our Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) have been able to bring us our new Christian Life Curriculum materials on time. This will be a nation-wide celebration.

## FALL DISTRICT CYF RETREAT ....

Several of our high school youth and adults will be leaving the church this Saturday at 12:15 for the fall district CYF Retreat at Barbee Christian Camp. They will return Sunday afternoon. Our own Rick Hendricks is president of the CYF in this district, Barbara Hendricks the vice-president.

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West Creighton Christian Church. Christian Leadership School at First Baptist Church, beginning Sept. 22 for 6 Mondays.

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# TIDINGS



Volume XXVI September 11, 1969 #50

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

CHURCH SCHOOL . . . . 9:00

SERVICE OF WORSHIP . . . . 10:30

## EMILY E. FLINN HOME ANNUAL MEET.

The 33rd annual meeting and fellowship day of the Emily E. Flinn Home, Marion Indiana, will begin at 3:30 this Sunday, September 14. Christian Church members are invited to this program, and to tour the home, which is one of many homes maintained through the National Benevolent Association of our church. Speaker will be Dr. T.J. Liggett, president of the United Christian Missionary Society. Many conditions have necessitated changing admission policies for our homes, and this annual meeting offers opportunity to become informed. Our CWF plan a visit to the Home on October 21, also.

## INTERFAITH LUNCHEON, SEPT. 23

One of the fine occasions for Fort Wayne women is the annual Interfaith Luncheon. The sixth such gathering of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish women will be at First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, September 23, at 12:00. Price of the luncheon is \$2.00. The program will be a panel of youth, representing the three faiths, voicing their concerns and hopes of their generation. Baby sitter service will be available, but will not include feeding children. Reservations for the luncheon must be made by September 15 (and for sitter service) by phoning 744-4709.

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## A NEW LOOK HERE'N THERE .....

Some areas of the church building have taken on a new and brighter look in recent weeks. The entrance and stairways at the south-west door were painted during the summer, and some of the rest-rooms have been painted and plaster-patched by Rick Hendricks.

The choir-room has just been redecorated by three singing-painters ( or painting-singers?): Don Parlette, Don Miller and Harold Crowder; the color is "Tahiti" which should make every one want to join the choir! Rick Hendricks will continue to work for the church approximately 18 hours each week, and the professional custodial service will also continue basic weekly cleaning. Cooperation of all persons using the building is required to maintain property, and especially to lock all doors after meetings. The building will be locked at times that no service or meetings are in process and when the office is not open.

Officers Serving September 14  
ELDERS: Robert Rayl, John Thompson

Alternates: Donald Smith, . . .  
Walter Birkhold

DEACONS:

Thomas Frappier Orie McDougale  
Wm. Gilley Ronald Aker  
Wm. Wilson A. E. Huddleston  
Mark Snyder

DEACONESSES: Sept. 14, 21  
Mrs. Geo. Bruckman, Mrs. W. J. Williams

September 7, 1969

Church Attendance	525
Church School Attendance	147
Regular Church Offering	1599.00
Church School Offering	55.41
Building Fund	5.00
	<u>\$ 1659.41</u>

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Amount Still Due Memorial Trust Fund  
\$ 5400.00

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PERSONAL MENTION

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Pomeroy, 7611 Worth Drive, who placed their membership on September 7 coming from Hazelwood Christian Church, Muncie.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Koehlinger on the arrival of Irvin Wayne, on August 25.

Best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. John E. Merrill, jr., who were married in Cincinnati on September 6.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Edw. M. Smith (Patty) and family in the death of Mr. Smith on August 7.

Also sympathy is extended to Mrs. A. O. Schell in the death of her sister, Mrs. Nettie Hastings, in California.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The General meeting will be on Tuesday, September 16 at 7:30; the program and worship, "Education Come of Age" will be given by the Fellowship Guild; The World CWF 14th birthday will be celebrated; arrangements will be by the Birthday Committee: Miriam Bixenman and Rachael McGuire.

All women of the church and friends are invited.

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PERSON MENTION

Mrs. Olive Roy is now a resident at the Emily E. Flinn Home, 615 W. 12th St., Marion, Indiana.

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AT YOUTH RETREAT ...

This past week end, Rick Hendricks, Barbara Love, Nancy Lambick, Jody Eckert, Jeff Olson and adult sponsor, Ross Nieman, attended the District 1 Fall Retreat for CYF at Barbee Christian Camp.

CHRISTIAN MEN'S RETREAT ....

Men of the church will benefit by attending the Christian Men's Retreat at Camp Barbee beginning Friday evening, September 19 and concluding with lunch on Sunday the 21st. Parts of the retreat can be attended, if men cannot be present for all sessions. Primary leader will be Wayne Green, national CMF director; topics will be "Man's Dilemma; Condition; Opportunity; Responsibility; and Hope." Maximum cost of the retreat will be \$14.00.

CWF RETREAT -- Mrs. Owen Vaught will attend the CWF Retreat at Geneva Center, Rochester, this weekend.

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REMINDER: Students or your family please get your new address into the church office.

# REVISED CHURCH BUDGET FOR 1969-1970

## A RECAPITULATION

I. Administrative Expenses . . .	\$ 15,696.00
II. Education, Church School & Youth	12,155.00
III. Evangelism	300.00
IV. Membership Development	800.00
V. Outreach	16,500.00
VI. Property and Care	22,110.00
VII. Publicity and Promotion	1,000.00
VIII. Stewardship and Finance	150.00
IX. Worship and Fine Arts	15,325.00
X. Contingency and/or miscellaneous	500.00
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	\$ 84,536.00

The general board of the church approved a recommendation of the Finance Committee that the 1969-70 church budget be revised downward, to more realistically conform with the results of the Every Member Commitment program. A detailed budget and statement will be mailed to members soon. A recapitulation is listed above.

### SCHOOL WORK ABROAD ---

Nathan Love, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks Love, has begun a year's study of the French language at the University of Strasbourg, and will return home in June, 1970. His address is:

Chez Mme. Leven Loeb  
18, Rue du General Rapp  
Strasbourg, France.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Thayer, (Linda Moody) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Moody, will be in the nation of Chad, Africa, this year, also in language work.

Miss Nancy Anderson, who has taught in Fort Wayne and attended our church will be teaching in Japan this year.

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The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.

### CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

September 7, 1969

Class	Att.	Off.
Friendly	13	\$ 5.25
Progressive	15	7.40
Come Double	12	9.00
Berean	7	4.25
'58	15	9.80
Young Adults	3	.60
High School	6	2.35
Chi Rho	19	3.85
Juniors	10	4.96
Primary	21	5.21
Kindergarten	10	1.29
Babes & Toddlers	4	.60
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	147	\$ 55.41

"The giving of money is one of the outward and visible signs of the right spirit moving inwardly in the hearts of the people who give it."

### CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

The Associated Churches sponsored Christian Leadership School for 1969 will be held six Monday evenings, September 22 - October 27, at First Baptist Church, 2323 Fairfield, from 7:30 - 9:30. The fee is \$5.00, which the church will pay for any who enroll and who finish the course for which they enroll. Those wishing to attend should contact Miriam Bixenman by next Monday, September 15.

Classes offered include:

Age Level Courses: (1) WORKING WITH NURSERY CHILDREN (ages 2, 3) - Mrs. Max Gilliam, Churubusco E. United Methodist Church, leader.

(2) WORKING WITH KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN (ages 4, 5) Mrs. Lynn Henry South Wayne United Methodist Church, leader.

(3) TEACHING PRIMARIES (grades 1, 2) Mrs. Clyde Eulitt, St. John's United Church of Christ, leader. (4) LEADING MIDDLELERS (Grades 3, 4) Miss

Barbara Schroeder, West Creighton Christian Church, leader.

(5) TEACHING JUNIORS (Grades 5, 6) - Mrs. Fred Adams, Turner Chapel, leader.

(6) WORKING WITH JUNIOR HI'S (Grades 7, 8, 9) Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, First Christian Church, leader; (7) WORKING WITH HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH, Grades 10, 11, 12) Rev. Arnold Pierson, Trinity English Lutheran Church, leader.

(8) TEACHING ADULTS - Mr. Robert Klopfenstein, First Wayne United Methodist Church, leader.

#### GENERAL COURSES:

THE CHILD'S APPROACH TO RELIGION (Especially for parents) - Mrs. Theodore Buetler, First Baptist Church, leader

(9) ONE-EVENING SEMINARS (Workshops in special areas) ..

September 22, Libraries; September 29, Arts (not crafts)

October 6 - Audio-Visuals; Oct. 13 - Drama; Oct. 20 - Music;

October 27 - Service projects.

Participants may attend all seminars for the \$5.00 registration fee or may register for one or more individual seminars for \$1.00 per seminar. These should be of special interest to a wide range of persons.

ADVANCED COURSES: (10) PSYCHOLOGY OF THE PRE-SCHOOL CHILD -

Miss Margaret Pitts, Mental Health Center, leader.

First Christian Church will be sponsoring an Observation School in early November as an additional Leadership Training opportunity. Dates: Nov. 7, 8, & 9.

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

This Sunday, September 14, everyone is asked to assemble in the sanctuary promptly at 9:00 a.m. for a brief Church School Assembly period, marking a time of celebration for the successful completion of the first year's materials in our new Christian Life Curriculum. In this manner, we will be joining our brethren across the nation in Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) as they celebrate this landmark in the educational work of our churches. REMEMBER, CHURCH SCHOOL NOW STARTS AT 9:00 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY.

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## PROJECT COMMITMENT

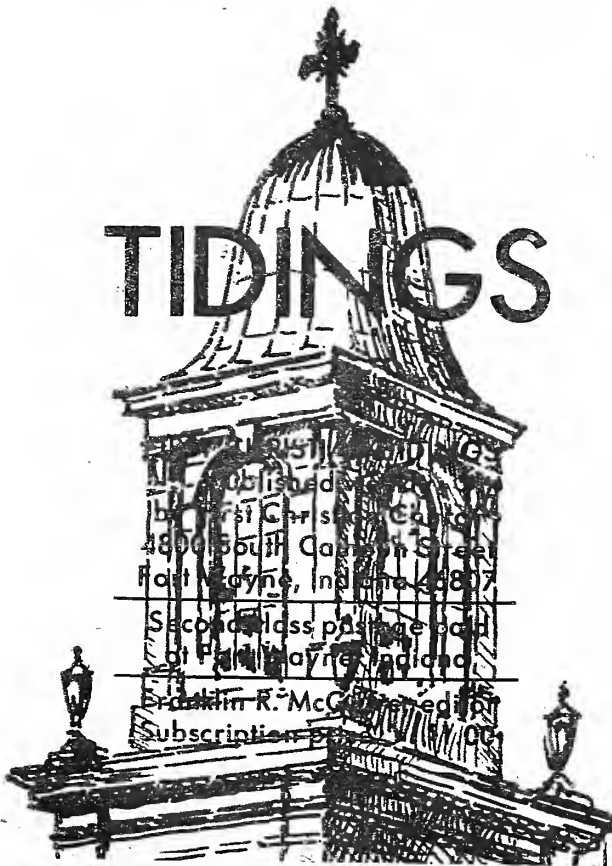
"Project Commitment" was explained to the church board last week by Dr. Frank Lansing as "a massive effort by the churches and synagogues to take seriously the problems created by racial prejudice and discrimination." It is a local program (though other cities will conduct similar efforts) to educate and motivate community and religious leaders. Ways of making brotherhood, dignity and equality relevant and effective in today's society will be sought. It will be one means of developing better communication and constructive interaction between groups, and so bring effective action toward solving community problems.

Project Commitment will bring together 300-400 persons, representing local congregations, to First Presbyterian Church on six successive Monday evenings, beginning October 6. Each session will begin at 7:30 until 9:30; a select speaker will present one aspect of the problem, then groups of 10 persons will discuss the topic, relying on a discussion leader and a resource person.

Each church is urged to send from 5 to 20 persons to the six sessions. There will be a \$5.00 fee. William Love, chrnm. of Christian Action and Community Service committee, is seeking persons to represent our church; those interested may contact him or the office.

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**WORSHIP BANNERS** - used on recent Sundays before the Communion Table were made by the junior high department of Vacation Church School: Doug Allen, Kathy Bryan, Judy Church, Carolyn Hendricks, Waller McGuire, Lee Ann Urich, Nancy Yeoman and Rachael McGuire. (continued - Column -4-)

# TIDINGS



Volume XXVI September 18, 1969 #51

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE  
 CHURCH SCHOOL ..... 9:00  
 SERVICE OF WORSHIP . . . . 10:30

### CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL ...

The six-session Christian Leadership school for workers in the Church's School will begin Monday, September 22, at 7:30 until 9:30. Anyone who will attend each Monday evening may register at the first session. 8 age-level courses and 3 general courses are offered this year.

### ..... COME - DOUBLE CLASS PARTY

And carry-in dinner will be on Saturday September 20 at 4:00 p.m. at Pavilion # 3, Foster Park.

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**EVANGELISM COMMITTEE** will meet at 8:00 Friday, September 19.

Officers Serving September 21  
ELDERS: Rufus Quinn, J.E. Weicker  
Alternates: Andrew Cook,  
Hendricks Love.

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig       Stanley Cole  
Delmas Young       John Hechler  
Vernon Moore       Richard Burkett

DEACONESSES: September 21

Mrs. Geo. Bruckman; Mrs. W. J. Williams  
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September 14, 1969

Church Attendance	236
Church School Attendance	177
Regular Church Offering \$	1228.20
Church School Offering	57.21
Building Fund	32.00
	<u>\$ 1317.41</u>

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Amount still due Memorial Trust Fund  
\$ 5400.00

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NEW PUBLICATIONS .. are beginning to be used in the children and youth departments of the Church's School.

Those for the youth arrived by special delivery last Sunday and were distributed. We are expecting those for the children's departments momentarily.

A magazine has been ordered for each child or youth. These will carry articles that have personal appeal and will support the in-class learning of the individual. The magazines are: Explore for grades 1 & 2 uses simple language in "A Lovely Warm Color" to describe a girl learning to accept herself. "Peter's Gift" in Discover should give 3rd & 4th graders some understanding of Christian gift giving. Quest -grades 5 & 6 tells of "The Origin of the Talmud". Alive for young teens (grades 7 & 8) asks:

"School Clubs: what kind, how many, how necessary?" Catalyst is a magazine for high school youth and deals with questions from many angles (the Oct-

From page -1- .... Families desiring to give memorial flowers should select the date and notify the office well in advance of that Sunday.

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YOUTH GROUPS BEGIN

All youth groups will begin again this Sunday, September 21. Meetings will begin at 5:00 and be dismissed by 6:30. As the season progresses, choir will be a regular part of the program. Chi Rho will have as their sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rice and Miss Marlene Crouse. This Sunday will be election of officers and a planning meeting for the coming months. CYF will plan their fall camp-out planning retreat to be at Pokagon State Park the Friday and Saturday, September 27 & 28. Mr. and Mrs. Ross E. Nierman and Mr. Marvin Crouse will be the sponsors..

Junior Adventure Time begins this Sunday, Sept. 21, at 5:00. Sponsors are: Mrs. Hendricks Love, worship and study; Mrs. Helen Clymore and Susan Love, crafts. Jeff Olson, recreation. This group are to be in the Junior Class room. Crafts are planned. Dismissal at 6:30.

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issue confronts the sex revolution debate). Do you understand now why it is called 'Christian Life Curriculum'?.  
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PERSONAL MENTION

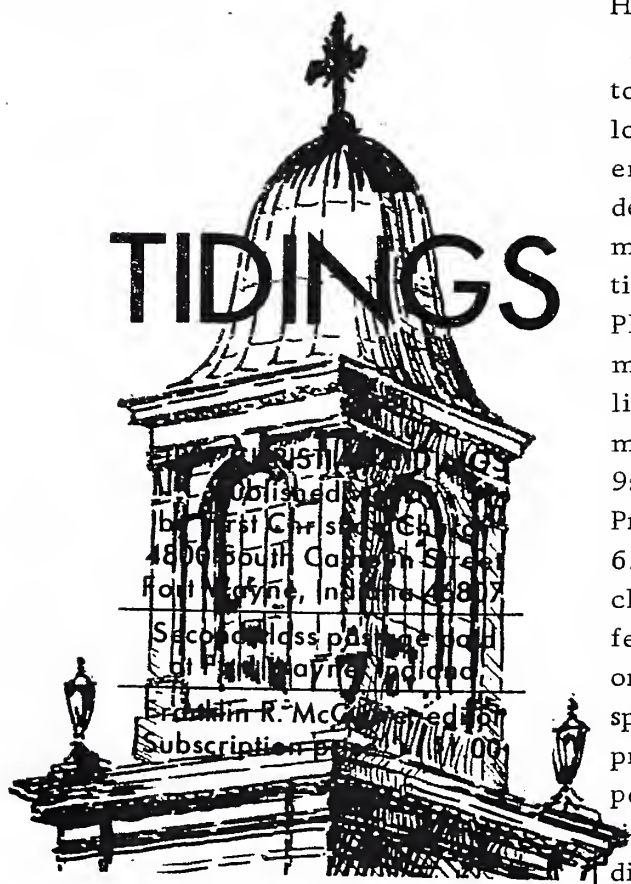
Mrs. Dolores Drewett, Parkview # 243.  
Kenneth Lytle, Lutheran # 691  
Mrs. Wm. Schilling, Lutheran # 406  
Mrs. Ollie Wiley spent a short time in St. Joseph's hospital last week.  
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Christian Men's Retreat begins this Friday at Camp Barbee until Sunday after lunch, September 19-21. Fee \$14.00  
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INTERFAITH LUNCHEON will be at First Presbyterian Church at 12 noon, Tuesday, September 23.

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# TIDINGS



Volume XXVI September 25, 1969 #52

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

CHURCH SCHOOL ..... 9:00  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP .... 10:30

## DISTRICT CONVENTION ...

All members of the church will be interested in the District 1 convention of Christian Churches, which will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 12, here in Fort Wayne at West Creighton Ave., Christian Church. The program will begin at 2:45, and will have to do largely with worship. Guest speaker will be Dr. Keith Watkins, professor of worship at C.T.S. The convention will close by 7:00 p.m., shortly after the dinner, for which reservations must be made.

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## HEARING - (TALKING) - DOING

An opportunity for concerned Christians to listen to intelligent presentations of local racial problems, then talk together with other concerned Christians in order to gain understanding, and finally move to some recommendations for action and reconciliation, is before us: PROJECT COMMITMENT! Community members of churches (Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox) and synagogues will meet each Monday evening from 7:30 - 9:30 for six successive weeks at First Presbyterian Church, beginning October 6. As many as 20 persons from our church may attend; there will be a \$5 fee, in order to meet expenses for honorariums, travel, etc. Knowledgeable speakers will present an aspect of the problem each night, then groups of ten persons, together with a trained discussion leader and resource person, will discuss the topic. On the final night, church groups will sit together and make recommendations for action within their particular church. This is open to any interested person, who will become informed, and engage with others in constructive effort. Again, it's not nice to say - but, "Do something about it, or stop complaining ...!"

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## TRANSPORTATION

Occasionally persons indicate they would attend our services "if they had a way to get there." Any who would offer transportation to and from the church are asked to notify the office.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Raymond Russell, 427 St. Joseph's

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OBSERVATION TRAINING SCHOOL ..  
Scheduled for November 7, 8, 9.

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ELDERS: Bert Leversee, Ben Taylor  
Alternates: John Merrill, Hugh Rice  
DEACONS:

Ross Nierman            Wm. Schilling  
 Romane Cole            Wayne Penny  
 Dempsey Weaver        Jack Sauerwein  
 Homer Stevenson

DEACONESSES: Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12  
 Mrs. H. G. Helmuth, Mrs. Wm. Conrad

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 September 21, 1969

Church Attendance	193
Church School Attendance	160
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1010.71
Church School Offering	53.43
Building Fund	10.00
	<u>\$ 1074.14</u>

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ...  
 \$ 5400.00

#### WORSHIP BROADCASTS

This Sunday will be the final broadcast of our worship services for this year. WGL provides this time each Sunday for 12 churches, each taking one month. The Associated Churches arranges the schedule. Cost to the church is for the "telephone line" and for the service of the engineer, Mr. Miller, during broadcasting. A feature of the broadcast has been an interpretation of our church and its worship during the time of communion; narrators were: Hugh Rice, Jack Weicker and John Thompson.

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 GREENFIELD SQUARE here in Fort Wayne. Located at Smith and Buchanan Sts., a low income housing project sponsored by Inter-Church Housing Corporation. Visitors are invited to stop by anytime. Units with 1 to 4 bedrooms lease for \$104 to \$160; interested persons may phone 456-5012.

CYF RETREAT - Our CYF'ers will be going on a camp-out retreat this weekend, Sept. 27 & 28, at Pokagon State Pk. Those planning to go are asked to be at the church at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, ready to be packed and to leave by 8:30. We will leave Pokagon about 4 p.m. Sunday. Adults accompanying the youth are: Mr. & Mrs. Ross Neirman, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Crouse, and Mrs. Bixenman. During this retreat the youth will strive to plan their program for the full year.

CHI RHO NOTES: Chi Rho members met last Sunday with John Thompson and Miss Marlene Crouse. They elected the following officers: Debbie Nordblom, president; Waller McGuire, vice-pres., in charge of social events; Doug Allen, vice-pres., in charge of worship; Leeann Ulrich, secretary; Barbara Taylor, treas. The group will meet this Sunday from 5:00-6:30 with Mr. & Mrs. Merle Rice as sponsors.

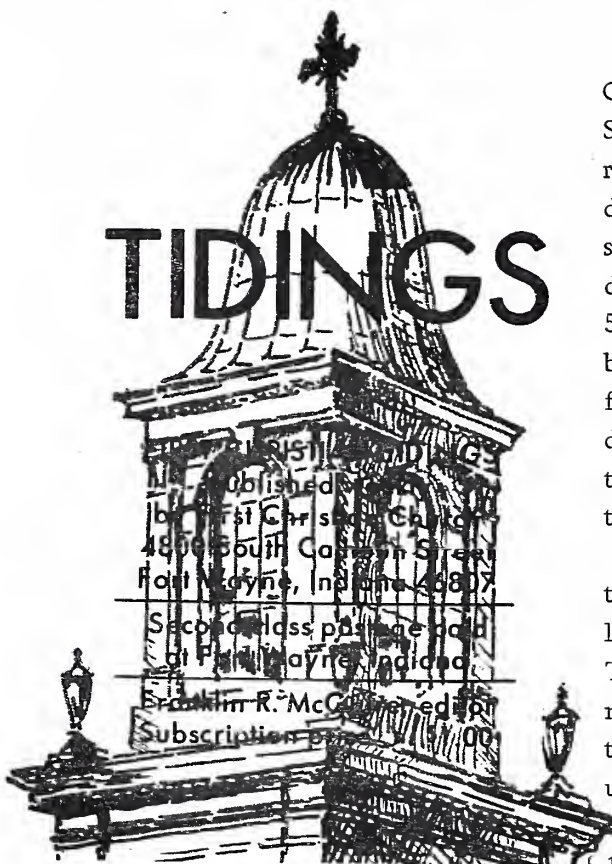
JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME .. Juniors are asked to meet in the Junior room at 5:00. Bring a small bottle or small glass tumbler for craft.

#### ..... "BOOK OF JOB"

This isn't a commercial, but I'd recommend it: This dramatic production will be presented by a cast of 8 players, using the King James Version, at Fort Wayne Bible College, Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 8 pm. "The Book of Job" was developed by Irene and Orlin Corey, creative dramatists, who were on the faculty of the College in Georgetown, and directed other plays there including "Cry Dawn in Dark Babylon!" in the church where I was minister. "Job" is a unique performance, well worth seeing; \$1.50 at the door.  
 - F. R. M.

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# TIDINGS



Volume XXVII October 2, 1969 No. 1

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

CHURCH SCHOOL ..... 9:00  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP ... 10:30

## LAST SUNDAY'S BULLETIN

Did you notice all those letters on the cover? It wasn't the result of a type-writer having gone berserk! There were words to be found - over 160 of them - many of them key words in our Christian witness. Finding those words is a good game after worship! Using those words is a good practice.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Gus Mueller has returned home after cataract surgery at Parkview, Sept. 24. Eugene Klepfer had surgery at Lutheran on September 26.

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is of people to whom the Lord's Supper is so special that we believe it right to observe the ordinance each Sunday. Thus, we should apply the largest significance to World Communion Sunday, which will be this Sunday, October 5, when more Christians will take emblems and participate in their particular form of communion than on any other day. It will be an opportunity to sense the unity of our faith in this act of mutual discipleship.

It will be an appropriate day in which to include the ordination of three recently elected elders - Hendricks Love, Ben Taylor and Donald Smith - and to formally install members and officers of the church board. All these persons are urged to be present, and everyone is invited to join in the service of worship at 10:30.

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## PROJECT COMMITMENT

Six Monday evening sessions for confronting and discussing racial problems in Fort Wayne will get under way on October 6, at First Presbyterian Church, from 7:30 until 9:30. Some from our church have registered. Others are urged to attend, and to register at the first meeting; cost is \$5.00.

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## THE BRIGHT NEW LOOK

You couldn't help but notice the shining appearance of the church, from the windows of the basement to the top of the steeple! The building has been repainted by Mr. Leon John's company, at the direction of the trustees.

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The board will meet Tuesday, October 7, at 8:00; the elders will meet at 7:30.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Monthly Group Meetings

McGAVRAN Group will meet at the home of Mrs. J. C. Koegel, 1222 W. Jefferson Street. Tuesday, October 7, at 1:00 P.M. Mrs. Mary Wagner is the hostess. Program by Mrs. Ralph Church, Worship by Mrs. William Love.

The KEPPLER Group will meet with Mrs. George Bruckman, 3729 South Drive, Tuesday, October 7, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Stanley Cole; Worship Mrs. Edwin Allen.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Paul Yentes, 3301 Sandpoint Road, Tuesday, October 14, at 8 P.M. Program by Mrs. Carl Lazzaro; Worship by Mrs. Robert Rayl.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Don Parlette, 4006 Tacoma Ave., on Wednesday, October 8 at 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Merle Rice will assist the hostess. Program by Mrs. Miriam Bixenman; Worship by Mrs. Donald Davenport.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. Wm. Conrad, 1823 Griswold Drive River View Terrace Apt. D-2. Monday October 13 at 8:00 P.M.

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Monday, October 6 from 1:30 to 3:00 the Christian Women's Fellowship will visit the Allen County Home. Mrs. Herman Weber is chairman; Program will be given by the Lincolnshire Church of The Brethren; First Christian are to serve the refreshments. Also, we are asked to donate personal gifts, such as, toilet articles jewelry, etc., for both men and women. We are asked to wrap the women's gifts in pink and the men's gifts in blue. Please call Mrs. Weber if you expect to go.

## YOUTH NOTES

Both CYF and Chi Rho will have regular meetings this Sunday. CFY members are reminded to come at 3:00, dressed to work. They will be working in the Crib and Toddler's Nursery, washing furniture and toys and painting some of the furniture. Bring buckets, rags, and paint brushes.

CHI RHO will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rice at 5:00. They will see and discuss the film, "Junior High Friendships". Both groups will dismiss by 6:30.

### SECOND HOUR SESSIONS BEGIN ....

The second hour sessions of our Church's School for Kindergarten and Elementary I (first and second grades) pupils will begin this Sunday, October 5, and continue through the school year.

Kindergarteners will meet in the Kindergarten room during the Morning Worship Service and Elementary I will meet in the first grade room during the same period.

Mrs. Ted Bryan is chairman of those conducting this second hour for Kindergarten and Mrs. Carl Lazzaro is chairman of recruiting those to conduct the first and second grade series. The second hour for the 2 and 3 year old Nursery and the child-care for the Crib babies and toddlers will continue as usual. Mrs. Ronald Akers is again chairman of recruiting those to help in the 2 and 3 year old Nursery.

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A wise man is like a pin. His head keeps him from going too far.

## OBSERVATION TRAINING SCHOOL

Plans are well under way for our observation training school for our Church School leaders. The school has been scheduled for November 7, 8, and 9. A number of well qualified leaders have already agreed to come to Fort Wayne and help in this school. We will be needing to recruit persons to participate in the classes which will be taught. Please be ready to answer "yes" if you are asked to come as a class member or to bring your children to be class members. All leaders in the Christian Education department of our church are reminded to keep these dates clear on your calendar. They have been reserved for this purpose by action of the official board of the church.

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## WOODHAVEN CHRISTIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN

WANTED; The art teacher at the Home has been asking for styrofoam balls of various sizes which can be used in the arts and crafts program. If anyone has some of these items in a drawer which are no longer needed we would be very happy if you would box them up and send them to Woodhaven. The children make many uses of styrofoam balls and many busy moments are spent creating things from them. .... Members of this church having styrofoam balls which they would like to give to the Woodhaven children, please bring them to the church. There will be a box in the Southwest entrance to receive them.

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## UNICEF

The Youth Committee is sponsoring this collection at Hallowe'en for needy children around the world ....

Associated Churches of Fort Wayne

## TOYS -- TOYS -- TOYS !

### A REPORT:

Those of you who sent Maxwell House innerseal coupons to the Woodhaven Home will be pleased to know that we received a climber, a teeterboard, a wheelbarrow, a slide, and some small hand puppets and trains. All of these items are quite expensive when purchased from Creative Playthings, and your coffee seals made these possible at no cost at all to Woodhaven. Thank you so much.

We, at Woodhaven, are also pleased to report that a company in Wisconsin is considering the manufacture of a line of toys similar to those of Creative Playthings and they sent us their entire line as a gift. In return, we are to evaluate the toys as to their effectiveness in use with mentally retarded children and even in normal preschool and kindergarten classrooms. ....

All of these new toys help us in our program with the boys and girls .  
(The above article was taken from The Indiana Christian, September 1969 .

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You will want to read the article on page -2- of the September Indiana Christian, "A Realistic but Tragic Announcement" and also the companion article on page -3-, "NBA Announces New Admissions Policy". These articles are relative to our Emily E. Flinn Home and other homes in NBA.

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The Protestant is just as much the heir of all the Christian centuries as is the Catholic. Protestantism in its essential nature, began with Jesus, not with the Reformers. St. Paul set forth in the 1st century what Luther and Calvin reaffirmed in the sixteenth. Protestant and Catholic have a common substructure under their feet. Copied.

Officers Serving October 5  
ELDERS: George Bruckman, Wm. Crouse  
Alternates: Myron Cole, Wm. Caldwell  
DEACONS:

George Davis	Ted Bryan
Robert Ulrich	Robert Ogles
James Ruble	Robt. Hendricks
George Warren	Edwin Allen

DEACONESSES: October 5, 12  
Mrs. H. D. Helmuth, Mrs. Wm. Conrad

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September 28, 1969

Church Attendance	193
Church School Attendance	137
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1319.86
Church School Offering	51.62
Building Fund	1.00
Thanksgiving Offering	10.00
	<u>\$ 1382.48</u>

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Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ...  
\$ 5400.00

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DISTRICT CONVENTION - October 12  
Christian Churches in District 1 will as-  
semble at West Creighton Church on  
Sunday, Oct. 12, beginning at 2:45.

Focus of the convention will be on wor-  
ship, including an opening service of  
unusual form; choral music, visual im-  
pressions and recorded music will be  
employed. Guest speaker will be Dr.  
Keith Watkins, professor of worship at  
CTS. The convention will close after  
the evening meal, for which reserva-  
tions are necessary and must be made  
by Oct. 8. Cost of meal and for other  
expenses are: adults, \$2.00; youth 12-18  
\$1.25; children under 12, 75¢. There  
will be child-care through grade 4;  
need for child-care should be indicated  
when making reservations. The conven-  
tion is open to all members of the  
church, for fellowship with those from  
other congregations, and to increase the  
effectiveness of churches working  
together in the district.

You are invited to the  
SERVICE OF ORDINATION

for  
Hendricks P. Love

Donald C. Smith

Ben G. Taylor  
as

Elders of the Church

Sunday, October 5, at 10:30

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#### PERSONAL MENTION

Dick Hamilton, a mainstay of our choir,  
is president of the local SPEBSQSA (that's  
the Barbershop Quartet Society, etc.)  
which has events this Friday and Satur-  
day at Scottish Rite Auditorium.

The Richard Vanderwall family writes  
of hearing our broadcast while traveling  
on September 21. They recently moved  
to Wheaton, Ill. Jan was married to  
Kathi Tubridy on September 6 in St. Paul.

Benjamin Karb Bernhard was born to Mr.  
and Mrs. (Carolyn Ripple) Bernhard on  
July 25, 1969. Mr. and Mrs. Rolland R.  
are the grandparents.

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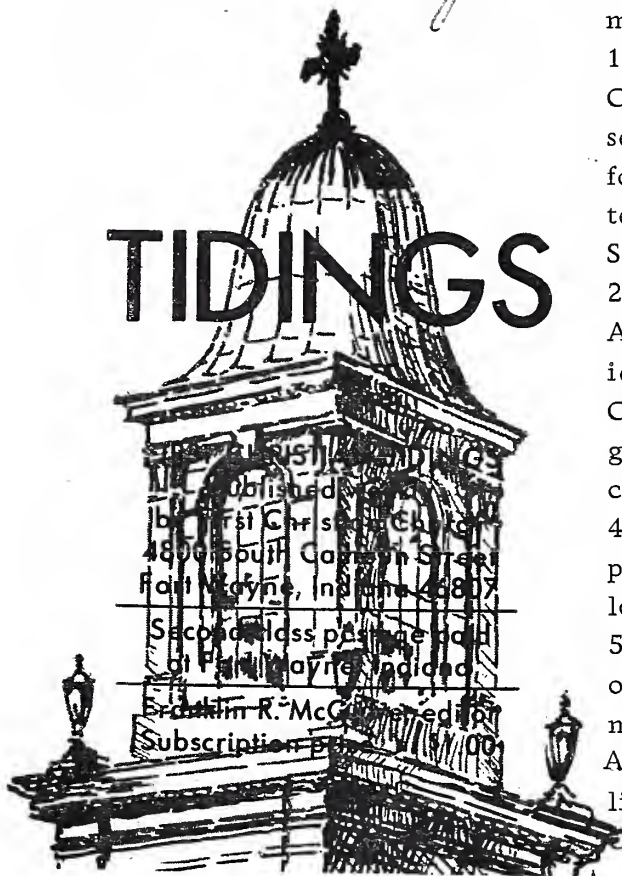
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meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:00 sharp  
this Sunday evening for recreation.  
The members are asked to wear play  
clothes. They plan to finish the craft  
begun last week.

NOTE: This group need a few quart or  
half gallon plastic bottles. Please leave  
these in Fellowship Hall.

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REMINDER: Christian Education Com-  
mittee will meet this Sunday for a brief  
session in the Christian Education Office  
immediately following morning worship.

# TIDINGS



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October 5, 1969

Church Attendance 234

Church School Attendance 167

Regular Church Offering \$ 1721.10

Church School Offering 53.03

Building Fund 3.05

\$ 1777.18

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ...

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NOTICE: Members of Junior Adventure Time would appreciate receiving more plastic one and two quart bottles. These will be made into toys for our church's orphanage.

CHI RHO

This Sunday afternoon, October 12, our Chi Rho members will meet with John Thompson as sponsor for a business meeting and brain storming session, plus perhaps, a surprise. On Saturday, October 18, Chi Rho will go apple-picking. Watch for a letter this week containing details and meet at our church, dressed to work. The following Saturday, October 24, we will have a hayride and weiner roast at Merle and Bea Rice's home. Watch your letter and next week's TIDINGS for details on what to bring. There will be no Sunday Chi Rho on the Sundays following these Saturday activities.

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\$3.25; Banana Apples, \$3.25. To place your order, call Church office (744-3239) Thompsons (484-2785), or Rice's (672-2748) before next Friday, October 17. Apples on advance orders only, will be picked. It will be helpful if you will pay with your order. Next week's Tidings will inform you on pick-up.

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We will meet in the Junior Room at 5:00 p.m. Bring one or more plastic bottles for craft,

NOTICE: Members of Junior Adventure Time would appreciate receiving more plastic one and two quart bottles. These will be made into toys for our church's orphanage.

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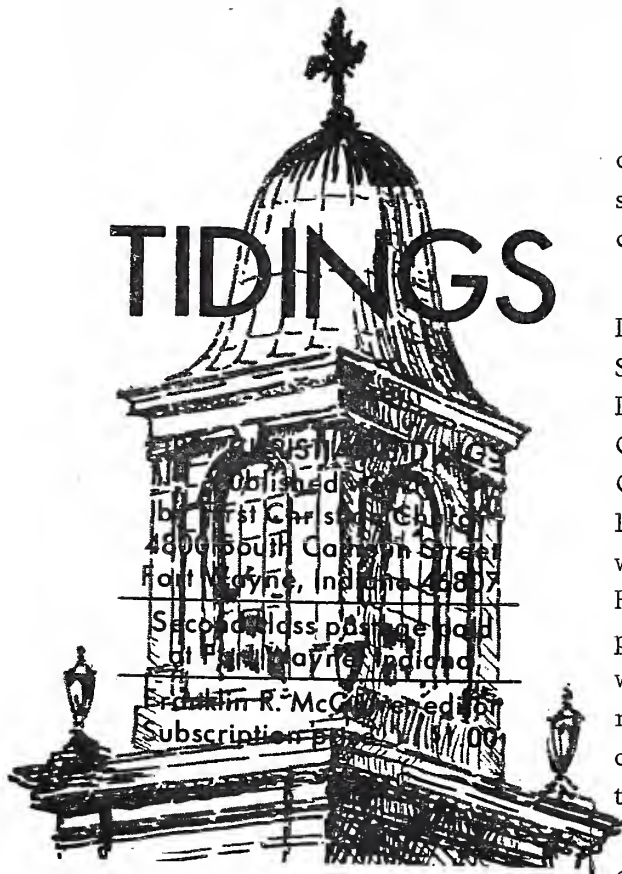
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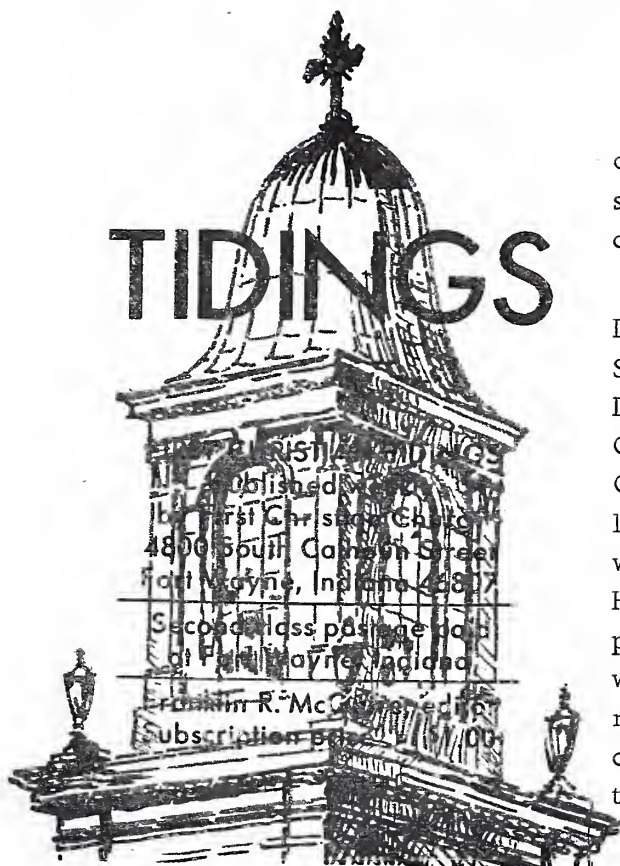
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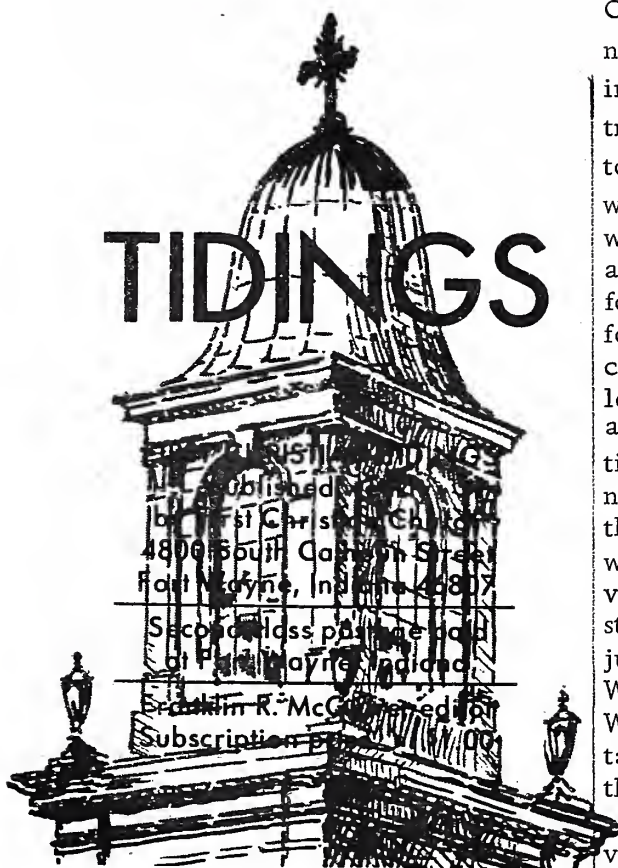
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Volume XXVII October 23, 1969 No. 4

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CHURCH SCHOOL ..... 9:00  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP ..... 10:30

## CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Religion has "put it in writing" through the centuries. That which was passed along by word of mouth for generations finally got into the written form of the Old Testament. Immediately after the beginnings of the church, Christianity was aided by such writings as the Letters and the Gospels. Among the high epochs of history is that of the printed word, and it was no accident that Gutenberg chose the Bible to be Europe's first printed book. All writing and printing is toward one general intention: that the words and thoughts BE READ! (Column -2-)

One of the biggest ventures in the "business" of the church is that of publishing, in terms of writing, editing, printing, distribution, etc. But these are incidental to the purposes served when people read what is written. Our church is blessed with exceptional materials for devotional and study use, in the church's school, for the home and for different age levels for Fellowships, and functions of the church...the resources are nearly limitless. Subscription arrangements assure arrival of "Tidings", "The Indiana Christian", "The Christian", "World Call". The new CLC materials are being hailed for their outstanding quality. These, along with the never-failing Bible in all its versions, and the helpful aids for understanding and application, are our's - not just for the having, but for the reading. We are observing "Christian Literature Week" just now, which prompts us to obtain better food for thought than some that assaults our eyes and minds (have you looked at book and magazine covers on the so-called "popular selection" shelves lately?) Apply yourselves to the reading of Christian and other good literature, at home, from the church's library and at such fountains as Fort Wayne's magnificent public library! A display of Bibles and Bible-helps will be in Fellowship Hall this Sunday for viewing. Persons who have interesting Bibles are invited to add them to the exhibit.

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CWF RUMMAGE collection begins Nov. 16 through Nov. 20. Bring to church during this time. Please bring clothing in cartons or sacks - NOT on hangers.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy is extended to the family of George W. Skelton, who died October 16; and to the family of Mrs. Katrina Reddin who died Oct. 20; Mrs. Reddin and Mrs. Eva Lloyd made their home together.

Mr. Albert Egly suffered a slight stroke last week. He and Mrs. Egly are now with their son; Richard Egly, R. 1, Terre Haute

Officers Serving October 26  
ELDERS: Floyd Morrical, Robert Rayl  
Alternates:

John Thompson - Donald Smith

DEACONS:

Ross Nierman	Wm. Schilling
Romane Cole	Wayne Penny
Dempsey Weaver	Jack Sauerwein
Homer Stevenson	

DEACONESSES: October 26, November 2  
Mrs. Glenn Miller Mrs. Paul Yentes

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October 19, 1969

Church Attendance	250
Church School Attendance	168
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1299.11
Church School Offering	54.94
Building Fund	4.00
	<u>\$ 1358.05</u>

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Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ...
<u>\$ 4800.00</u>

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REMEMBER THE DATES: NOVEMBER 7,  
8 & 9. All teachers, substitute teachers,  
prospective teachers, vacation church  
school leaders, Christian Education Com-  
mittee members, and others interested  
in the Christian education program of  
the church are urged to attend this very  
special leadership OBSERVATION School

JOHNNY APPLESEED CENTER is badly  
in need of volunteer drivers to transport  
children to and from school and to serve  
as aids to teachers. Anyone interested is  
asked to phone 744-3325 and volunteer.

WOODHAVEN HOME ..

Woodhaven Christian Home for Retarded  
Children is still in need of styrofoam  
balls of various sizes for use in their arts  
program. If you have any to contribute  
place them in the box provided near  
the south door of the church.

CYF - members are all reminded to be  
at the church this Sunday at 3:30 to pre-  
pare for the Unicef Party which CYF is  
giving for the children. Everyone is re-  
minded to have material to carry out  
assignments concerning the party on  
hand by that time.

CHI RHO members are reminded to  
meet at the church at 5:00 pm. this  
Saturday, October 25, to go to Merle &  
Bea Rice's for a weiner roast and hay-  
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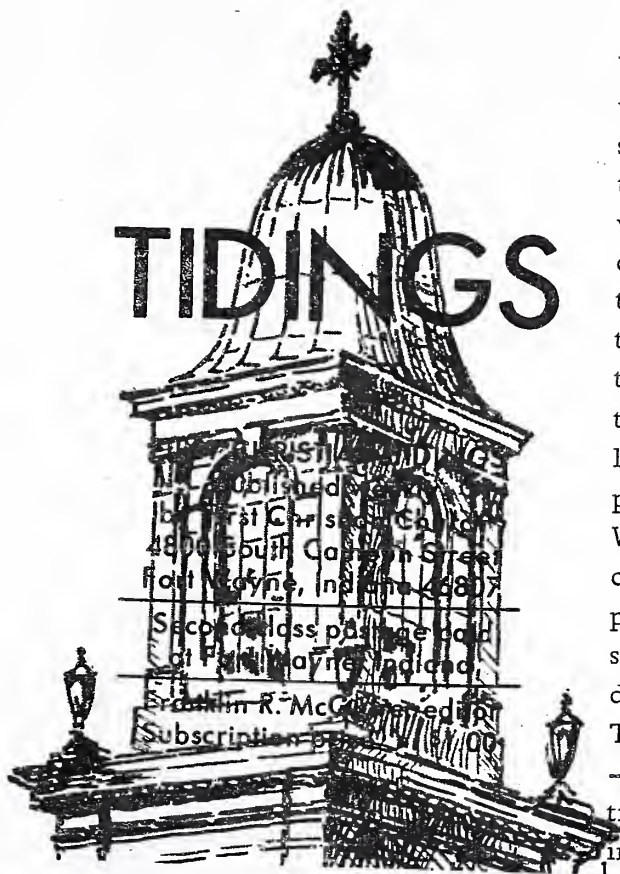
UNICEF PARTY Children in the 1st  
through 6th grades, interested in going  
"Trick or Treat" for "UNICEF" are  
urged to come to the church at 5:00 pm  
Sunday, October 26, dressed in Hallow-  
een costume and mask. CYF members  
will take the children "Trick or Treat-  
ing" in our assigned district (near the  
church) and then back to the church for  
a BIG Halloween Party, ending at 8:30.

GIVE TO UNICEF If small goblins and  
witches visit you October 26 or 30th to  
'Trick or Treat' for UNICEF, a fund de-  
signed to help the needy children of the  
world, we urge you to respond. Any na-  
tion receiving UNICEF funds must con-  
tribute \$2.50 for every \$1.00 received  
for this worthy cause. 10¢ will buy 50  
glasses of milk; 25¢ will buy one baby  
chick; 50¢ will buy antibiotic ointment  
to cure 10 children of trachoma; \$1.00  
will buy a stethoscope; \$4.00 will buy  
toys for a day-care center, and so, on  
and on.

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME meet Sun-  
day at 5:00 at church to go with CYF's  
for UNICEF. Come masked. We will  
come back to the church for a Party,  
closing at 8:00 p.m.

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# TIDINGS



We are fortunate in First Church that the youth program is one of our strongest assets. This is so because of the calibre of the young people and their sense of involvement and responsibility. They have deeply committed adult-sponsors and teachers. And I believe, a congregation that encourages and supports them. All these things have produced genuine good times for young persons, and been of value to the whole church. Our young people will lead the entire Service of Worship this Sunday, Nov. 2, the last day of Youth Week. It will be a unique experience, using different settings, expressions, form and music, but entirely of deeply Christian thought and inspiration. Theme for worship will be, "Fort Wayne - City of Churches." A large congregation should be present to share with them in this 10:30 a.m. service.

Volume XXVIII October 30, 1969 No. 5

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE  
CHURCH SCHOOL ..... 9:00  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP ..... 10:30

## YOUTH WEEK - 1969

Did you know that of Allen County's 248,000 persons, that over 103,000 are under 21 years of age? Do you hear them saying anything to you - through their energy, learning, anxieties, problems, play, music, worship, work, ambitions??? They speak an earnest message, to each other and to all generations, which reflects their capacity for thinking in depth, their exchange of ideas and idealism, their struggle for strong faith. Our youth are contributing to our society here and now, as well as preparing themselves for fuller roles in decades to come.

(Column -2-)

## CYF AND CHI RHO

The Chi Rho Fellowship will be guests of the CYF, Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Homer Gamboe will be the speaker. Mrs. Gamboe is a retired missionary to India and is the grandmother of Melanie and Waller McGuire. She and her husband are caretakers at the Cane Ridge Shrine near Paris, Ky. Mrs. Gamboe has long been a speaker truly in demand among the youth of our churches and we are fortunate to have her. All youth are urged to be here for this meeting.

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME ..will meet promptly at 5:00 for worship. This is the week to spray paint the crafts we made. For this wear old clothes.

TIPS on CWF RUMMAGE ..Household items ..bric-a-brac & jewelry..men's work clothes..children's clothing, etc.

Officers Serving November 2.  
 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE will assume all  
 leadership for the Service of Worship.  
 DEACONESSES: November 2  
 Mrs. Glenn Miller Mrs. Paul Yentes

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October 26, 1969

Church Attendance	285
Church School Attendance	178
Regular Church Offerings	1333.75
Church School Offering	64.93
Building Fund	2.50
Painting	387.00
	<u>\$ 1788.18</u>

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	<u>\$ 4800.00</u>

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#### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

##### Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLER Group will meet with Mrs. Earl Fusselman, 6309 Bluffton Rd. Tuesday, November 4, at 9:00 a.m. Program by Mrs. Edwin Allen; Worship, Mrs. K. L. Edwards.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, 3521 Robinwood Dr. Tuesday, November 4, at 1:00 pm. Program by Mrs. James Heavin; Worship Mrs. Mark Snyder.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. H. G. Helmuth, 1232 Fairfield, Wednesday, November 5, at 9:00 a.m. Program by Mrs. Hugh Rice; Worship, Mrs. Earl A. Plummer.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Wm. Crouse, 6502 S. Calhoun, Wednesday, November 5, at 1:30 pm. Program by Mrs. Fred Hilker, Worship, Mrs. Elna Taylor.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Clipp, 1108 McKinnie, Thursday November 6, at 7:45 pm. Program by Mrs. Alfred Schell; Worship, Mrs. W. J. Williams.

#### OBSERVATION LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Have you been wondering what an Observation School really is? It is probably the most helpful type of leadership education yet developed. Guest leaders will be here November 7, 8, & 9. They will meet with teachers and others interested in Christian education to discuss the best methods available for instruction in Christian faith. Guest leaders will plan with our folk for two class sessions, and will teach these sessions, with our folk as observers and, sometimes, assistants. Following the demonstration there will be opportunity to discuss what was done, why it was done, what else might have been done, etc. In this manner opportunity will be given to plan, see and evaluate. Registration for the school is open to all teachers, youth sponsors, Vacation Church School leaders CWF & CMF leaders, prospective teachers and others interested in the Christian Education program of the church. Registration is \$5.00, the church will pay half. Please see Miriam Bixenman to get your registration blank. We want to have 100% attendance from among our Church School leaders. Schedule for the school is: Friday, November 7 - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Session for all; Saturday the 8th - 9:00 - 12:00, Nursery leaders and workers; 1:00 - 4:00 - leaders in Kindergarten - adults; 2:00 - 5:00 - Nursery leaders & workers; Sunday, Nov. 9 - 2:30 - 4:30 - Kindergarten - Adult leaders.

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AND NOW IT'S NOVEMBER! Within the month of November falls one of the "special days" calling for a special offering. This, of course, is the Thanksgiving Offering on Nov. 23. More information will be given, but this offering is for higher education (colleges and seminaries) Christian education development, mission and life of the church in states.

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# TIDINGS



Volume XXVIII November 6, 1969 #6

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

CHURCH SCHOOL ..... 9:00  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP ..... 10:30

### "FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RAIL"

It was a very different experience this past Sunday to be on the other side of that imaginary rail that separates minister (and elders, choir, etc.) from congregation during a service of worship. It was my privilege to be a listener on Yotth Sunday, since I had no direct function to perform, and to observe what goes on from the back of the church - a kind of switch on "if I stood where you stand" to "I sat where you sit!" I discovered some things!. One thing: we have young people who know what they're doing in worship, whether in our traditional way

or in a varied form. The idea and plan of their service last Sunday was their own, and they used words and resources that spoke meaningfully to all of us. When so many negative things are said about the younger generation, it was rewarding to see 25 of them express themselves so positively. I discovered from that other perspective that we have a sanctuary which is wonderfully conducive to worship, and most people move easily into an attitude of reverence, listening and sharing together. It occurred to me that it's too dark - not gloomy - but subdued and moody, and in need of enough accent and highlight to lift and inspire. I realized that it's not easy to hear - partly because microphones could not be used by all the young people; partly because of acoustics and absorption of sounds, and partly because of noise from the rear: movement, doors, street sounds, plumbing, etc. It's a mystery to me that so many consistently sit at the rear of a sanctuary. I also learned how much wandering goes on through the building during the service, by persons other than those with responsibilities for the coffee hour, nurseries, etc. A few older children circulate in rooms and hallways when parents doubtless assume they are seated elsewhere in the sanctuary; aware of some losses and problems in the building, this makes for awkward, even suspicious, situations at times. We would all do well to be where we serve best on Sunday at 10:30 - in worship, in the sanctuary, in the responsibility that is our's at the time.

So I'll be where I belong next Sunday - on the west side of the 'rail'. F.R.M.

## Officers Serving November 9

ELDERS: Hendricks Love, Bert Leversee

Alternates: Ben Taylor, John Merrill

### DEACONS:

Tom Frappier	William Wilson
Orie McDougle	A.E. Huddleston
William Gilley	Mark Snyder
Ronald Aker	

DEACONESSES: November 9, 16, 23

Mrs. R. R. Ripple; Mrs. Fred Smell

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November 2, 1969

Church Attendance	315
Church School Attendance	163
Regular Church Offering	1466.00
Church School Offering	64.26
Building Fund	11.00
Exterior painting	200.00
	<u>\$ 1761.26</u>

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ...

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### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group meetings

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Carl LaZaro, 4701 South Wayne Ave. Tuesday, November 11, at 8 p.m. Program, Mrs. Ronald Aker, Worship, Mrs. Franklin McGuire.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Charles Hunt, 1721 Shamrock Rd. Wednesday, November 12, 8 p.m. Program, Mrs. Harold Crowder; Worship, Mrs. M. Bixenman.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Miss Pearl Heidecker, 4001 Indiana Monday, November 10 at 8 p.m. Program, Mrs. Chas. Speicher.

CWF RUMMAGE SALE - Hours church is open for receiving rummage: Sunday Nov. 16. after church, and 5:00 - 6:30. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, November 17, 18, 19 - 9:00 to 12:00; 1:30 to 5:00

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## OBSERVATION SCHOOL

If you have been asked to come as a part of a demonstration class, or are enrolled as a participant, be sure to plan to attend all sessions for which you are needed. Participants (teachers, prospective teachers and others) should be here Friday evening from 7:30 - 9:30; Saturday from 1:00-4:00; and Sunday, 2:30 - 4:45. Those enrolled for the Nursery portion will come Friday, 7:30 - 9:30 pm; Saturday from 9:00 - 12:00 and 2:00 - 5:00. Those in the demonstration classes for adults, youth, Elementary and Kindergarten children should be here Saturday from 2:00 - 3:00 and Sunday, 3:00 - 4:00 pm. If you have children in the Nursery demonstration classes, they should be here on Saturday from 10:00-11:00 and 3:00 - 4:00.

### CYF and CHI RHO

CYF and ChiRho will meet together again this Friday evening. Please note that the meeting time is 7:00 P.M. for this week only. We will have as our guests, youth from West Creighton and North Christian Churches. The program will be a group of youth from the Youth Camp at Chain-of-Lakes State Park. These are a group of the most trusted boys from our penal farm for youth. Barbara Love and Nancy Lambick will be in charge of worship. Refreshments will be served. Be sure to come and be good hosts.

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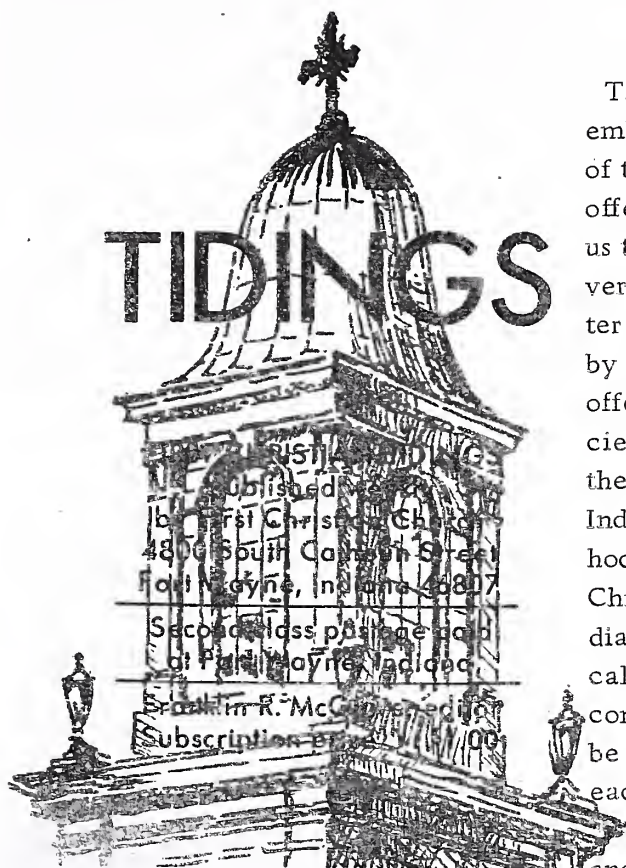
WORLD COMMUNITY DAY, NOVEMBER 7. This is an interdenominational service sponsored by Church Women United. The luncheon will be in our church at 12:00 Friday, Nov. 7, with our women serving 250 women who have made reservations. Mrs. William Love is in charge of arrangements. Rev. Phillip Philbrook, of First Baptist Church, will be speaker. The day originated in 1943, to encourage women to work together for a more Christian World order.

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## THANKS-GIVING

The Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 23) is one of the "special days" of the church-year, which calls for an offering. What season should motivate us to giving any more than in days of very conscious gratitude? And what better way of indicating that gratitude than by sharing with others? The Thanksgiving offering for outreach will benefit agencies of the church directly related to us: the Association of Christian Churches in Indiana, the general work of the brotherhood with Dr. Dale Fiers as president, Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, and maintenance of historical interests. The outreach and finance committees have set a goal of \$800 to be given by our church on November 23; each class is to assume a portion of the goal as its own, as well as members and families sharing willingly and generously.

# TIDINGS



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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE  
CHURCH SCHOOL ..... 9:00  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP ..... 10:30

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

Did you know that the lady is 98 years old? The "elect lady", that is, as John calls the church! This congregation was organized with seven charter members on November 19, 1871. And on November 16, 1952, the present building was dedicated. We will think more about our history this Sunday during the service of worship, but to the point that "the past is prologue!" John Merrill and John Thompson have been named chairmen of the commission to make plans for the church's centennial observance in 1971.

### AND THEN COMES CHRISTMAS

The worship department has paid plans for a Month of Christmas Worship, which will be meaningful and make the best use of the season. To prepare for one feature this year, old jewelry is needed - but only in white or gold colors. Quantities of white and/or gold costume jewelry will be called for, so any who can contribute such pieces may leave them in boxes provided at the church.

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### PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Stacia Sweet, 331 Paulette Place, was welcomed into the membership of the church on Sunday, November 9. Friends in the church are invited to the wedding of Miss Sweet and Thomas Ogles at 2:30, Saturday, November 22, in our sanctuary.

Officers Serving November 16  
ELDERS: Hugh Rice ; George Bruckman  
Alternates: Wm. Crouse, Myron Cole  
DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig      Stanley Cole  
Delmas Young      John Hechler  
Vernon Moore      Richard Burkett

DEACONESSES: November 16, 23

Mrs. R. R. Ripple, Mrs. Fred Snell

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November 9, 1969

Church Attendance	277
Church School Attendance	181
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1229.30
Church School Offering	142.80
Building Fund	106.00
Thanksgiving	5.00
Exterior Painting	245.00
	<u>\$ 1748.10</u>

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Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ...  
4800.00

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#### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The general CWF meeting will be on Tuesday, November 18, at 1:00 pm. Program, Worship - "People Who Need People" by Dye Group; Hostesses, Fellowship Guild, Refreshments, Kepple Group.

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#### RUMMAGE - LAST REMINDER...

Bring rummage to the church this Sunday, November 16, through Wednesday, November 19. Bring your clothing in boxes or sacks; please! No hangers. Household items, bric-a-brac, jewelry, children's clothing, men's work clothes, under clothing and outer garments are the most needed items.

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#### PERSONAL MENTION

Ralph Keller is in Lutheran hospital, 765 following surgery.  
Mrs. Gordon Welker is in Lutheran 788 following surgery.

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#### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Wednesday, November 26 at Christ Methodist, on McKinnie Ave.

OBSERVATION SCHOOL attendance good with more than 40 people from 4 churches, quite a large enrollment for such an event. Twenty-five of these persons were from this church. Every department in our Church School was represented. Now, the important part of the school begins .. the putting into practice the things we saw and heard at the school. Did we really learn from them? If we did, we will be seeing some real differences, some real growth, not necessarily in numbers immediately, but in people, in our educational work. Watch for these signs of growth in your church school class!

#### CYF

Our CYF will meet at the church at 4:45 this Sunday, November 16, ready to go to the Salvation Army Citadel and Family Welfare Center. We want to be at the Citadel by 5:00-5:15, so please be on time! There the group will tour the facility and hear a discussion of the work of the Salvation Army.

#### CHI RHO

Chi Rho Fellowship will meet at the Church at 5:00 as usual this Sunday. We will have a program of special music and use of creative arts. Several pieces of contemporary music will be used. John Thmopson will be meeting with the group.

#### THE JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME

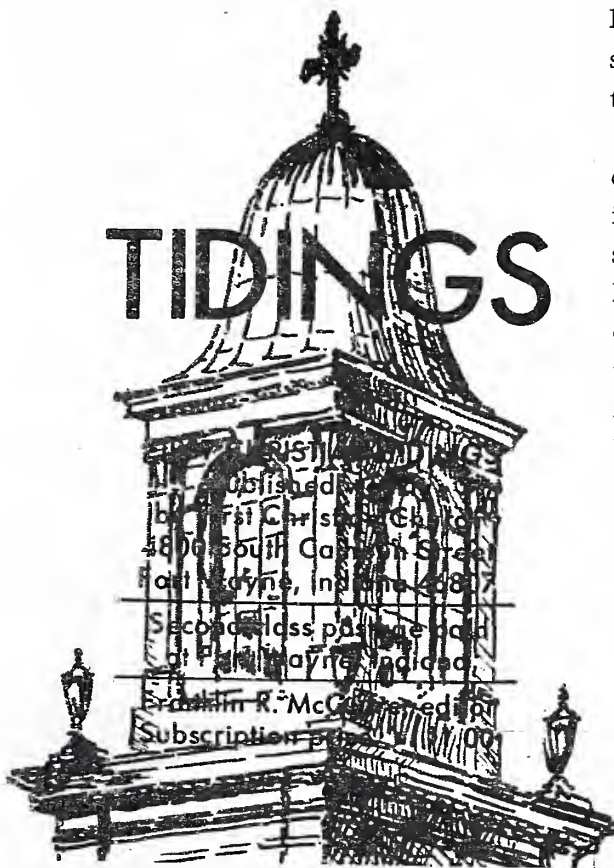
This group will meet with Jeff Olson in Fellowship Hall at 5:00 for recreation. Bring a pair of old anklets or socks with which to make puppets at a future study session.

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#### A PAINFUL WORD

Regrettable things do occur in churches, and we have been bothered with recurrences of theft problems in recent months. The Coke machine has been pilfered repeatedly. Money was taken from purses of choir members during the Sunday services. The building and offices have been broken into, with amounts of petty cash taken. Steps are being taken to prevent such losses and damage, and some leads have been detected about the offences. The police are cooperating with the church very helpfully.

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### THE DEPTH OF GRATITUDE

Hymns phrase for us, "Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home," and "Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise." There are all kinds of expressions of Thanksgiving, both sacred and secular, which lift up the joy, celebration and blessings of such a time.

But there is the depth of gratitude too. It's very nature is a feeling of thankful appreciation for the favors and benefits received, especially from God. It is a warm appreciative response to kindness. As it has been said that "religion is what we do with out solitariness," thanksgiving may well be at its best in our depth of silence, humility, awareness, comprehension and prayer. Our gratitude,

like love, can be too deep for words-- so that what we raise up are gestures and tokens of our larger emotion.

Saying "thank you" is the communication of what we genuinely feel. Joining in a special worship service is a shared expression of our mutual acknowledgement. Giving a gift, such as an offering to help others, is a reflection of the real spirit of gratitude within us. Anne Morrow Lindberg, in "Listen, the Wind", said, "One can never pay in gratitude; one can only pay 'in kind' somewhere else in life."

### THANKSGIVING GOAL: \$800.00

A goal for giving this Sunday, November 23, has been set at \$800.00, in the special Thanksgiving offering. Eight classes have accepted goals for themselves amounting to \$303.00 of the total. Other classes and individuals and families are urged to make use of offering boxes and envelopes by giving the special offering either during church school or the service of worship. The Thanksgiving offering will go for support of state and area mission, Christian and higher education, historical interests, and the general office of the Christian Church.

### UNION THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

A community service of worship for the south area including our church, will be held at Christ United Methodist Church 1101 McKinnie, at 7:30 Wednesday evening, Nov. 26. Rev Oldin Mitchell, Lincolnshire, will preach the sermon, and communion will be observed. The offering will benefit the week day religious education program in Fort Wayne.

Officers Serving November 23  
 ELDERS: David Griggs, Alfred Schell  
 Alternates: Rolland Ripple, Wm. Love  
DEACONS:

Ross Nierman            Wm. Schilling  
 Romane Cole            Wayne Penny  
 Dempsey Weaver        Jack Sauerwein  
 Homer Stevenson

DEACONESSES: November 23

Mrs. R. R. Ripple    Mrs. Fred Smell  
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November 16, 1969

Church Attendance	206
Church School Attendance	193
Regular Church Offering	1155.05
Church School Offering	68.46
Building Fund	10.00
Thanksgiving	25.00
Exterior Painting	25.00
	<u>\$ 1283.51</u>

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ...  
 \$ 4800.00

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME ... Make a special effort to be here next week for a little party and a special Thanksgiving meeting.

CYF - All CYF members are urged to come this Sunday at 5:00 pm. for a business and planning meeting. Definite plans will be made for the entire holiday season, as well as assignment of responsibilities for our regular meetings.

CHI RHO - will have a business and planning meeting this Sunday at 5:00. Mr. & Mrs. Merle Rice, sponsors. The program will feature a "question box" in which any Chi Rhoer may place a question he would like to see discussed. These questions will be drawn from the box and as many as possible discussed. Others will be saved for discussion at a later date. Debbie Nordblom is in charge of refreshments and Doug Olson in charge of worship.

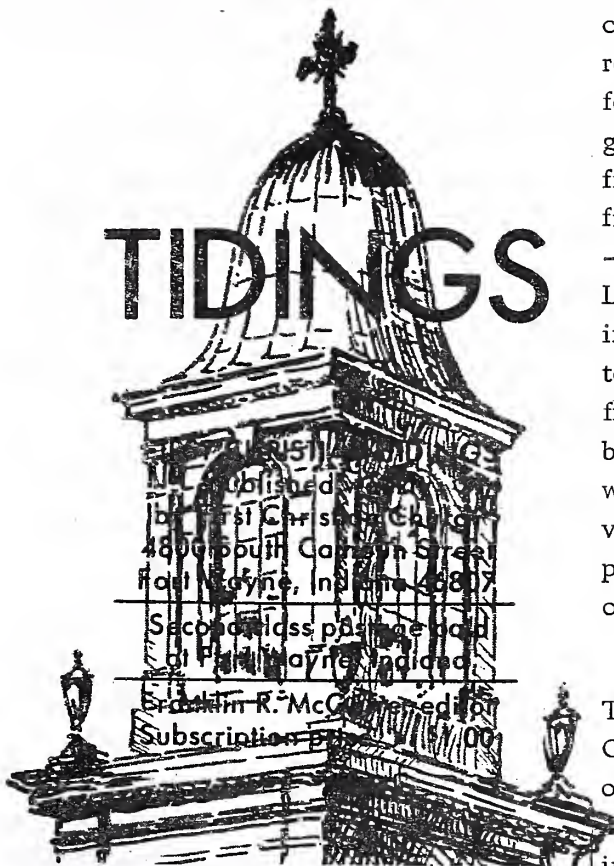
WE NEED YOUR HELP ... As a part of our month of Christmas Worship this year we would like to have a "Chrismon Tree" in our sanctuary. Are you wondering what a "Chrismon Tree" might be? The word, "Chrismon" is a combination of two words, Christ, and monogram. A 'Chrismon' is a monogram of Christ. A "Chrismon Tree" is made up of hand made decorations of Christian Symbols. These are done in white and gold and to make them we need a number of items. YOU can help us by donating some of these items - they must be in white and gold. You may place your donation in the box provided at the south entrance. We need the following: Costume jewelry (white/gold), thin white styrofoam, artificial flowers (daisies, lilies, of the valley, roses, etc. (gold/white) White pipe cleaners, florist's wire - 18 gauge, Gold colored Christmas Tree balls (2" or less in diameter) Gold/white beads (plain, sizes 1/4" to 5/8" in diameter, or seed beads) Vinyl fringe or festooning (gold, plastic, foil-like material 2" or 3" wide) Gold foil - gold wrapping paper, Stretch mesh (aluminum netting sometimes comes from a florist; looks like woven mesh. gold 'chore balls - new or used) Sequins and spangles, gold only in assorted shapes and sizes. Pearls or white beads, varied sizes, but not too large) seed pearls, glitter (gold/white) Assorted gold braids and edgings. Beading wire (thin metal wire on a spool) Gold metallic paint (preferably spray paint), transparent plastic.

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 Best wishes to Richard McVay and Susan Jean Richwine, on their marriage November 15, at Speedway Christian Church.

Sympathy to Mrs. Charles Dare in the recent death of her brother.

58 Class will have a bake sale Sunday Nov. 23, at the coffee hour in Fellowship Hall.

# TIDINGS



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CHURCH SCHOOL .....	9:00
SERVICE OF WORSHIP .....	10:30

## THE GRATEFUL HEART

The full extent of the church's generosity can never be known, for members give of themselves in ways that cannot be reported or counted. Some give gifts anonymously, and are recognized only in the grateful heart; for instance, a donor was so interested in the recent observation school that a very helpful amount was given toward its expenses. The whole church is blessed by this thoughtfulness.

The special Thanksgiving offering thus far amounts to \$701.07 - a goodly indication of people's gratitude and of our concern for the mission of the church. Perhaps the remaining \$99 of the \$800 goal will be reached. Members and

classes are to be commended for their response.

The late appeal for food to help local families at Thanksgiving brought in 4 to 5 dozen cans of fruit and vegetables, and some fresh fruit. This is used to supplement a "self-help" program through the Martin Luther King Center whereby limited-income families have contributed \$3.00 to a Thanksgiving Fund, then may 'shop' from supplies of food that have been both donated by churches or purchased with the fund. It is a real effort to provide help, but to maintain dignity of persons reluctant to accept total charity or who are unable to obtain welfare.

## PROJECT COMMITMENT

Those who attended the recent Project Commitment series will meet again in our church parlor on Monday, December 1, at 7:30 PM. Because of increasing interest in this informative program, persons interested in attending the next 6-week series which will begin on Feb. 2, are urged to give their names to the minister. The number of participants will be limited.

## A PREVIEW OF CHRISTMAS

Among plans for our Month of Christmas Worship, the following schedule will be used: November 30 - Advent begins. Dec. 7 - Advent Wreath: first candle lighted. Dec. 14 - Service of dedication of babies. Dec. 14 - Family-night supper and activities. Dec. 21 - Christmas Sunday: White Gift service and special offering. Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve service, arranged by CYF. The Christmas Card tree will be used this year, whereby families may send one card to the entire "church family" and include the amount that otherwise would be spent on greetings and postage, and this will be given to our Homes.

Officers Serving November 30  
ELDERS: Wm. Caldwell; Fred Smell  
Alternates: Ronald McVay, . .

Earl Plummer

DEACONS: Junior Deacons

DEACONESSES: November 30;  
December 7, 14

Mrs. H. Nordblom; Mrs. F. E. Morrical

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November 23, 1969

Church Attendance	256
Church School Attendance	191
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1089.05
Church School Offering	452.86
Thanksgiving	188.21
Building Fund	2.00
Exterior Painting	65.00
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	\$ 1797.12

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Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ...
\$ 4800.00

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#### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

##### Monthly Group Meetings

The HIGDON Group will meet Monday December 1 (note change in date) 7:45 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Esther Whitton, 3308 Clinton; Mrs. W. J. Williams program; Mrs. Irene Cline, worship.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Mark Snyder, 4709 Schaper Drive Tuesday, December 2, at 1:00 p.m. Mrs. Ralph Church - worship.

The KEPPLER Group will meet with Mrs. Herman Weber, 8128 Corto Calle Dr. Tuesday, December 2, at 9 A.M. Program by Mrs. H. M. Flowers; Worship Mrs. Weber.

The SPICE group will meet with Mrs. Fred Smell, 4126 Roxton Lane, Wednesday, December 3 at 11:00 a.m. Pot Luck lunch at 12 noon. Program - Mrs. Smell; Worship Mrs. Hugh Rice. Please remember your offerings for the Cleveland and Flinn Homes.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. L. H. Higgins, 5010 Woodhurst, Wednesday December 3, at 1:30. Program, Mrs. D. Andrew; Worship Mrs. V. Brickley

THE PROGRESSIVE CLASS will have their Christmas dinner at the church, Saturday, December 6, at 6:30 P.M. All members and former members are invited to attend.

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#### CHI RHO NEEDS YOUR HELP. Our

Chi Rho's will be molding candles at Christmas time this year. Various items are needed. Chi Rho would like your help in securing: Milk cartons (various sizes); orange juice cartons (the conical kind); Any other waxed cardboard cartons of varying shapes and sizes; old, discarded candles; broken bits of crayons. Please place these items in the box provided at the south entrance before December 7. Thank you!

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NEW NURSERY EQUIPMENT - Have you stepped into our Nursery in the last week? If not, please do so and see the new change table. This was secured with Top Value Trading stamps. We are still gathering stamps toward new equipment. If you have stamps you would be willing to give toward this project, please give them to Rachael McGuire or Miriam Bixenman. Partial books are also acceptable.

#### ----- PERSONAL MENTION

We welcome Mrs. A. W. Haggard, 121 W. Fleming, into the fellowship of our church.

Best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Ogles (Stacia Sweet), who were married in the sanctuary on Nov. 22; and to Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Elwood, who were married in the chapel Nov. 22.

Friends in the church are invited to the wedding of Miss Evelyn Terzian and Thomas Rayl, on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 3:30 in the sanctuary.

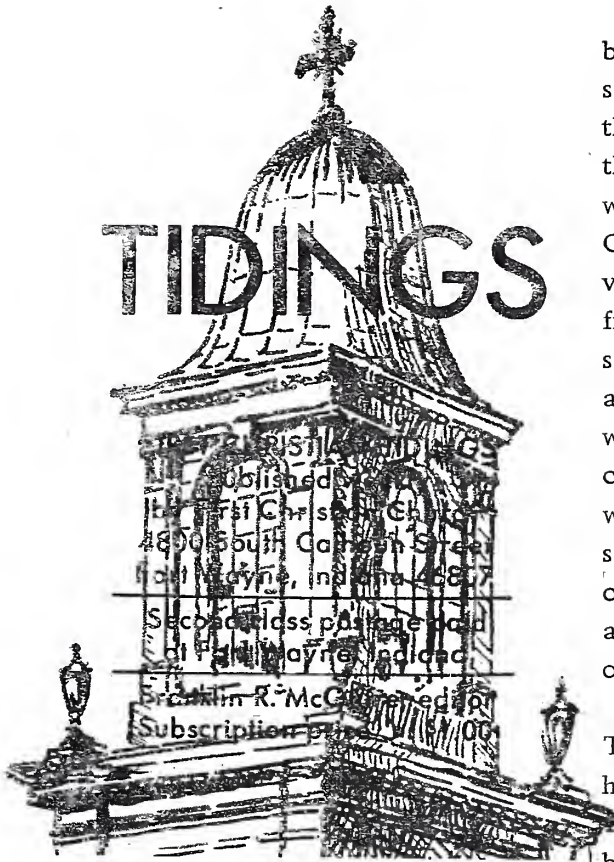
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ELDERS will meet on Tuesday evening December 2, at 7:30.

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# TIDINGS



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CHURCH SCHOOL ..... 9:00  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP ..... 10:30

## CHRISTMAS - A SEASON TO GIVE GIFTS

The expectation of receiving at Christmas can only be exceeded by that of giving. The opportunities to react to the coming of Christ by sharing through the church may be among the finest ways of keeping Christmas. The outreach and finance committees jointly set a goal of \$1200 for giving at Christmas, which supports the homes for children and aging through our National Benevolent Association. The Emily Flinn Home in Marion is one of these. Classes are asked to again accept goals, and each mem-

ber is urged to give until it helps -himself and the recipient. December 21 is the day for this special offering, through the church school or in the service of worship. On that same day, White Gifts will be presented during the service of worship. These are to be specific items of food, for use in helping deserving families locally. Our church is asked to provide 150 boxes of Bisquick, which will be added to foods other churches give, to make up baskets. Those who attended the Project Commitment series have recommended this object for our White Gifts. Families and members are urged to bring Bisquick on Dec. 21, or if more convenient, prior to that date.

## PERSONAL MENTION

The Rev. Samuel Joel Burgess, minister here from 1938-43, died Monday, Dec. 1st at Tucson, Arizona. Memorials may be sent to Green Valley Community church, % Rector Johnson. The home address: P.O. Box 35, Green Valley, Ariz. 85614.

Best wishes of the church are extended to Mr. and Mrs. David Johnston (Karen Ruger) who were married November 15. Sympathy is offered to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Flowers on the death of a grandchild son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Flowers, Arthur W. Mowery is a patient in Lutheran, room 768.

Mrs. L.H. Higgins' brother is seriously ill in Pontiac Michigan.

Mrs. Wm. Crouse's mother is ill in the hospital at Bluffton.

## CHRIST CHILD FESTIVAL

Will be held in the Coliseum this Friday through Sunday. Dec. 5-7. ....

CHURCH BOARD will meet Tuesday, December 9, 8 p.m.

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been elected to the office of the President of the Association for the year 1900-1901. The names are given in alphabetical order of the surnames.

1. Mr. J. H. Smith  
2. Mr. W. B. Jones  
3. Mr. C. D. Brown  
4. Mr. E. F. White  
5. Mr. G. H. Black  
6. Mr. I. J. Green  
7. Mr. K. L. Gray  
8. Mr. M. N. Hall  
9. Mr. O. P. King  
10. Mr. Q. R. Lee  
11. Mr. S. T. Young  
12. Mr. U. V. Wright  
13. Mr. X. Y. Scott  
14. Mr. Z. A. Adams  
15. Mr. B. C. Baker  
16. Mr. D. E. Bell  
17. Mr. F. G. Black  
18. Mr. H. I. Clark  
19. Mr. J. K. Cook  
20. Mr. L. M. Davis  
21. Mr. N. O. Evans  
22. Mr. P. Q. Foster  
23. Mr. R. S. Gale  
24. Mr. T. U. Hall  
25. Mr. V. W. Hill  
26. Mr. X. Y. Hunt  
27. Mr. Z. A. Ingram  
28. Mr. B. C. Jackson  
29. Mr. D. E. Johnson  
30. Mr. F. G. Keith  
31. Mr. H. I. Knight  
32. Mr. J. K. Lamb  
33. Mr. L. M. Lane  
34. Mr. N. O. Lester  
35. Mr. P. Q. Little  
36. Mr. R. S. Long  
37. Mr. T. U. Lyons  
38. Mr. V. W. Mack  
39. Mr. X. Y. Martin  
40. Mr. Z. A. May  
41. Mr. B. C. McCall  
42. Mr. D. E. McDaniel  
43. Mr. F. G. McFarland  
44. Mr. H. I. McGee  
45. Mr. J. K. McIntosh  
46. Mr. L. M. McLean  
47. Mr. N. O. McMillan  
48. Mr. P. Q. McPherson  
49. Mr. R. S. Meyer  
50. Mr. T. U. Miller  
51. Mr. V. W. Mitchell  
52. Mr. X. Y. Moore  
53. Mr. Z. A. Murray  
54. Mr. B. C. Myers  
55. Mr. D. E. Nichols  
56. Mr. F. G. Norman  
57. Mr. H. I. Osborne  
58. Mr. J. K. Overton  
59. Mr. L. M. Parker  
60. Mr. N. O. Pearson  
61. Mr. P. Q. Perry  
62. Mr. R. S. Phillips  
63. Mr. T. U. Powell  
64. Mr. V. W. Price  
65. Mr. X. Y. Quinn  
66. Mr. Z. A. Reed  
67. Mr. B. C. Richmond  
68. Mr. D. E. Roberts  
69. Mr. F. G. Royster  
70. Mr. H. I. Ryan  
71. Mr. J. K. Sampson  
72. Mr. L. M. Schmitt  
73. Mr. N. O. Shields  
74. Mr. P. Q. Simon  
75. Mr. R. S. Smith  
76. Mr. T. U. Snyder  
77. Mr. V. W. Spence  
78. Mr. X. Y. Stein  
79. Mr. Z. A. Stevens  
80. Mr. B. C. Stewart  
81. Mr. D. E. Stokes  
82. Mr. F. G. Strong  
83. Mr. H. I. Sullivan  
84. Mr. J. K. Swanwick  
85. Mr. L. M. Swanwick  
86. Mr. N. O. Swanwick  
87. Mr. P. Q. Swanwick  
88. Mr. R. S. Swanwick  
89. Mr. T. U. Swanwick  
90. Mr. V. W. Swanwick  
91. Mr. X. Y. Swanwick  
92. Mr. Z. A. Swanwick  
93. Mr. B. C. Swanwick  
94. Mr. D. E. Swanwick  
95. Mr. F. G. Swanwick  
96. Mr. H. I. Swanwick  
97. Mr. J. K. Swanwick  
98. Mr. L. M. Swanwick  
99. Mr. N. O. Swanwick  
100. Mr. P. Q. Swanwick

## C H R I S T M A S I N O U R C H U R C H

December will be an entire "Month of Christmas Worship" again. "The Trees of Christmas" will be the month's theme, using a very different kind of Christmas tree in the chancel each Sunday, to emphasize its Christian significance. Many families are sharing in planning and arrangements to make this another meaningful Christmas season.

### Sunday, December 7 - 10:30 "The Trees of Christmas: The Tree of Jesse"

The church's Advent Wreath will have the first candle lighted.  
Chi Rho Fellowship will make Christmas candles at 5:00, and CYF will begin making Chrismons.

### Sunday, December 14 - 10:30 "The Tree of Paradise"

The second candle on the Advent Wreath will be lighted;  
the service for Blessing of Babies and Dedication of Parents will be held.  
The Christmas Card Tree and the Sock-and-Mitten Tree will be in place in Fellowship Hall.

During Church School, children in classes through grade Six will make Christmas Candles to take home for use with their families.

5:30 until 8:00 - Christmas Family-night Supper and Activity.  
Supper plans will be in charge of the CWF; more information will appear in "Tidings". Activity will be for entire families, and every member of our 'church family' is wanted for this special time of fellowship.

### Sunday, December 21 - 10:30 "The Chrismon Tree"

The third candle on the Advent Wreath will be lighted.  
This will be a service of particular beauty, through the setting, music and message on this Sunday before Christmas Day.  
White Gifts of Bisquick will be brought forward during the service, along with other offerings, and placed before the Manger. The Bisquick will be added to other foods and used to help local families. \$1200 is the offering goal, for support of our benevolent homes.  
Chi Rho and Christian Youth Fellowships will go caroling.

### Wednesday, December 24 - 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship in the Sanctuary.

The Christ-Candle on the Advent Wreath will be lighted.  
The Communion of the Lord's Supper will be observed, and the "Feast of Lights" will conclude this brief but impressive candlelight service.

### Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day: "Let earth receive her KING!"

Families are invited to send a "Christmas greeting" to the entire congregation, instead of several cards to selected families. Enclose in your family's card to the church the money which would have been spent for the other greetings and postage; the total amount will be a Christmas gift from our 'church family' to our benevolent homes for children and aging in Cleveland and Marion. Cards will be placed on the tree in Fellowship Hall, beginning December 14, and names of senders will be listed in "Tidings".

Officers Serving December 7,  
ELDERS: Herman Weber; Floyd Morrical  
Alternates: Robt. Rayl; John Thompson

DEACONS:

George Davis      Ted Bryan  
 Robert Urich      Robert Ogles  
 James Ruble      Robert Hendricks  
 George Warren      Edwin Allen

DEACONESSES: December 7, 14

Mrs. H. Nordblom; Mrs. F. E. Morrical

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November 30, 1969

Church Attendance	304
Church School Attendance	165
Regular Church Offering	\$ 1154.66
Church School Offering	61.57
Thanksgiving	75.00
Building Fund	106.00
Exterior Painting	66.00
	<u>\$ 1463.23</u>

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Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ...  
 \$ 4800.00

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group meetings

MONTGOMERY group will meet with  
 Mrs. James Knight, 4709 Beaver, Tuesday  
 December 9, at 8 p.m. Program: Mrs.  
 Carl La zaro; Worship, Mrs. Franklin  
 McGuire.

NELSON Group will meet at the church  
 Wednesday, December 10 at 8:00 p.m.  
 Mrs. Donald Davenport and Mrs. Harold  
 Crowder, hostesses; Program by Mrs.  
 Davenport; Worship, Mrs. Wortley.

FELLOWSHIP GUILD Will have their  
 annual Christmas dinner at 6:30, Mon-  
 day, December 8. Worship, Mrs. Chas.  
 Speicher. Bring stationery and offerings  
 for the Flinn and Cleveland Homes.  
 The dinner will be at the church.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS PARTY

Will be at the church, Saturday, Dec-  
 ember 6 at 6:30 pm. They will have a  
 "white elephant" gift exchange. Mem-

bers and 'graduate members' are invited;  
 make your reservations with the Rice's  
 747-2662 or the Ripples' 440-2564/

BEREAN CLASS PARTY

Will be held at the Heritage House, Dec-  
 ember 13, 6:30 p.m. There will be a  
 \$1.00 gift exchange.

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PRIMARY CHURCH -- There will be  
 no Primary Church (1st & 2nd grades)  
 during the month of December.

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME .. will  
 meet in Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m. Dress  
 warmly for outdoor activity. We will  
 make a gift to take home, in Crafts.

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ITEMS NEEDED BY THIS SUNDAY ..

White or gold costume jewelry  
 Small artificial flowers (daisies, roses,  
 lilies of the valley)

Gold or white beads

Seed beads (gold or white) and seed  
 pearls

Gold and white sequins and spangles  
 Pearls (varied sizes)

Assorted gold braid and edging  
 Gold Christmas Tree balls (not over 2  
 inches in diameter)

Gold or white beads

Seed beads (gold or white) and seed  
 pearls

Gold and white sequins and spangles  
 Pearls (varied sizes)

Assorted gold braid and edging

Milk cartons (various sizes)

Orange juice cartons (conical shaped)  
 Other waxed cardboard cartons of var-  
 ious shapes

Broken crayons

Old candles

Please bring these items this Sunday  
 and place them in the boxes provided  
 at the south door. Your help will be  
 appreciated.

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CHURCH SCHOOL ..... 9:00  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP .... 10:30

### CHRISTMAS FAMILY-NIGHT

The entire 'church family' will enjoy the evening's activity this Sunday, December 14, beginning at 5:30 until 8:00, at the annual Christmas Family-night. Households, whether of one person or a dozen, will share in the fellowship and the making of "Chrismons" for use in the worship service on the following Sunday. Meaning "Christ's monograms", the Chrismons are Christian symbols to decorate the third tree in this month of worship centering on "the trees of Christmas." Several families and the CYF have worked to learn the meaning of the Chrismons and how to make them.

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Rather than a complete meal this Sunday at the church, families are to bring a dessert to share 'smorgasbord-style' with others. Coffee and milk will be provided. While the food is not important, the Christmas fellowship and opportunity of doing things together as a 'church family' is the purpose of this evening. It will add greatly to the real meaning of Christmas.

### MORE "TREES OF CHRISTMAS"

Last Sunday, the 'tree of Jesse' was the focal point of our worship. This Sunday it will be the 'tree of paradise'. Two additional trees will be placed in Fellowship Hall by December 14: the Christmas Card tree, on which cards from individual families will be hung, to all other families in the church. Families are invited to enclose the money that otherwise would be spent on separate cards and postage mailed to selected persons in the church. The list of families will be in "Tidings". The amount received from the Christmas Card tree will be given to our benevolent homes at Marion and Cleveland. The other tree will be the sock-and-mitten tree, used by children's classes. The socks and mittens will be sent to the children's home in Cleveland. The first candle on the Advent Wreath was lighted last Sunday by the David Griggs Family. "Christmas Candles of the Church" will be lit on the wreath each Sunday, the first one being that of worship. The Christ-candle will be lit on Christmas Eve at the 7:30 service arranged by the CYF.

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PERSONAL MENTION -- Mrs. Robert Clipp has been a patient in Lutheran hospital.

Officers Serving December 14

ELDERS: Donald Smith; Walter Birkhold

Alternates: Rufus Quinn; J.E. Weicker

DEACONS:

Thomas Frappier      William Wilson

Orie McDougle      A.E. Huddleston

William Gilley      Mark Snyder

Ronald Aker

DEACONESSES: December 14 ...

Mrs. H. Nordblom; Mrs. F.E. Morrical

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December 7, 1969

Church Attendance	262
Church School Attendance	183
Regular Church Offering	1415.85
Church School Offering	62.37
Christmas offering	5.00
Building Fund	23.00
Exterior Painting	20.00
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	\$ 1526.22

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ...

\$ 4200.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

General meeting will be Tuesday, December 16 at 8 p.m. in church parlor. A Christmas program and worship will be presented by the Nelson Group. Hostesses - Higdon Group; Refreshments - McGavran Group. Service projects - a dedication of Christmas gifts to Shut-ins and Cleveland Home.

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WE STILL NEED: This is the last call, the 11th hour! We still need more old jewelry - pearls, white and/or gold jewelry, gold braid and edgings, and gold stretch mesh (the foil variety). This Sunday, Dec. 14, is your last chance to bring these items. They are needed Sunday night for the Family night. Bring them Sunday morning so we can sort and arrange the materials for use Sunday evening.

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JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME will not meet on the Sunday, December 14.

WHITE GIFTS ON DECEMBER 21st.

During the White Gift service, which is a part of the worship at 10:30 on Dec. 21, two special offerings may be given: 1, the gift of money for our benevolent homes, such as for the aging at Marion; a goal of \$1200 has been set for our church and church school. This offering may also be given through the classes of the church school. 2) Gifts of Bisquick or Jiffy Biscuit mix, to be added to the foods given by other churches for use in making up baskets for local families. A 'Christmas club' is established, as at Thanksgiving, by which families register for \$3.00, then may obtain whatever quantity of food is needed. This "self-help" plan is one of Christian charity, yet allowing the element of dignity and integrity for those in real need. What we contributed at Thanksgiving helped approximately 300 persons in 55 families, ranging from 3 to 18 persons in the families.

PERSONAL MENTION

James Ireland, who was, several years ago, a member of our church and youth group, is now Youth minister at First Christian Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The good wishes of the church are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Rayl (Evelyne Terzian) who were married in the sanctuary on December .

The 58 Class will have a Christmas dinner at Baer Field this Saturday evening.

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WOODHAVEN RECORD

The children of our Woodhaven Training Center for Retarded Children have prepared a Christmas devotional service and a program of Christmas carols on record. Mrs. Bixenman has a copy of this record in her office, if any group would like to use it.

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CHURCH SCHOOL ..... 9:00  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP ..... 10:30

### OUR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Two very special opportunities for Christmas worship are in store for us:

1. The family-worship service, this Sunday, December 21 at 10:30. A completely changed setting will be arranged, with the Chrismon Tree at the center; the Chrismons (meaning "Christ's monogram") were made on Sunday evening during the family-night activity and hung on the tree. Music will comprise a significant portion of the service, including a processional featuring the Junior Choir; beginning at 10:15

there will be music from the balcony, The third candle on the Advent Wreath will be lighted by another family; last Sunday's candle, for evangelism, was lighted by the William E. Wilson family. Climax of the service will be the White Gifts presentation, when the congregation will come forward to place white-wrapped gifts of food in the chancel; boxes of Bisquick or Jiffy bisquit mix are to be brought, which will be added to other foods for helping local families. The Christmas offering will also be given at this time, of regular giving and the special offering for our benevolent homes; a goal of \$1200 has been set, to be reached by individual members, families and classes.

2. The Christmas Eve candlelight service will begin at 7:30 on Wednesday evening, arranged by the Christian Youth Fellowship. The service will not be long, so that families may return home to spend most of the evening together. The fourth or Christmas candle will be lighted, communion will be shared as a meaningful way to remember the Christ, and the "Feast of Lights" will conclude the service. Members and friends are invited to this beautiful worship experience, as well as to that on Sunday morning.

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**PERSONAL MENTION**

Herdie Helmuth is recovering at home from injuries suffered in an accident.

Mrs. Sarah Stevens, mother of Mrs. Herbert Banet is a patient in Lutheran 670

We welcome Mrs. Wayne Koehlinger 3103 Morell Drive, who placed her membership with the church last Sunday.



### GREETINGS TO THE 'CHURCH FAMILY'

The Christmas Card tree in Fellowship Hall is being filled with greetings to the entire 'church family'

Good wishes have come thus far from:

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Davis	Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Rice	The Ross E. Nierman family
Mrs. Martin Wagner	The Ted Bryan family	Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tatman
Mrs. Miriam Bixenman	The George Bruckman family	Mr. and Mrs. Walter Birkhold
Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Smith	Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly	Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hetrick
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shannon	Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Brickley	The Ronald Aker family
Mrs. Ethel Allen	The Dennis Andrew family	Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parkerson
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Linn	The Franklin McGuire family	The Clair Buskirk family
Miss Pearl Heidecker	Mr. and Mrs. Henry Flowers	The Thomas Frappier family
The Don Parlette family	Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Edwards	The Rufus Quinn family
Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rice	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clipp	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donohue
Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Montgomery	Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cole	Mrs. Gladys Hoop

"There is nothing I can give you which you do not have,  
But there is much that while I cannot give it, you can take.

No heaven can come to us unless our hearts find rest in today.  
TAKE HEAVEN.

No peace lies in the future which is not hidden in this present instant.  
TAKE PEACE.

The gloom of the world is but a shadow;  
behind it, yet within reach, is joy;  
there is radiance and glory in the darkness could we but see,  
and to see we have only to look; I beseech you to look.

Life is so generous a giver, but we, judging its gifts by  
their covering, cast them away as ugly or heavy or hard;  
remove the covering and you will find beneath it a living splendor,  
woven of love, by wisdom, with power.

Welcome it, grasp it, and you touch the angel's hand that brings  
it to you. Everything we call a trial, a sorrow or a duty, the  
angel's hand is there - the gift is there - and the wonder of an  
overshadowing presence - our joys too; be not content with them  
as joys. They too conceal diviner gifts.

And so at Christmas I greet you, not quite as the world sends  
greetings, but with profound esteem and the prayer that for you,  
now and forever, the day breaks and shadows flee away.

-- Fra Giovanni, 1513

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### FAMILY - NIGHT

More than 120 persons were present for the Christmas family-night dessert and activity last Sunday, when Mr. and Mrs. George Bruckman and Mr. and Mrs. William Love attended to "kitchen detail". Those who directed the making of Christmas were: Mrs. Helen Clymore, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Crowder, Mrs. Merle Grimm, Mrs. Frederick Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Keebortz, Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks Love, Mr. and Mrs. Solon Merriman, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Morrical, Mr. and Mrs. Don Pomeroy, Mr. and Mrs. William Schilling, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smell, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weicker, and Mrs. Monette Wetzel. Ted Bryan, Rick Hendricks and Walter Keebortz set up the big tree.

Officers Serving December 21

DEACONS:

Charles Ludwig     John Hechler  
Stanley Cole        Vernon Moore  
Delmas Young        Richard Burkett

DEACONESSES: December 21, 28  
January 4.

Mrs. Herman Weber  
Mrs. Harold Crowder

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December 14, 1969

Church Attendance	310
Church School Attendance	196
Regular Church Offering	988.25
Church School Offering	69.16
Christmas Offering	47.50
Building Fund	4.00
Exterior Painting	103.01
	<u>\$ 1211.92</u>

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Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ..  
\$ 4200.00

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BOXES OF CHURCH ENVELOPES-1970

Are in the church narthex. They are in alphabetical order. Please check the name on the box, as some account numbers are changed. If you do not find your box, please see Mrs. Vaught.

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NO SECOND HOUR for Kindergarten...  
Mrs. Ted Bryan, chairman of the second hour sessions, has announced that there will be no sessions during Morning Worship the next two Sundays, December 21 and 28. Children are to go to the special worship services with their parents. Second Hour sessions will resume for Kindergarten and Elementary I on Jan 4. There will be a second hour for Nursery children each Sunday.

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PERSONAL MENTION ... Sympathy of the church is extended to Mrs. T. Richard Eiler in the death of Mr. Eiler this week.

CYF and Chi Rho members will both go Christmas Caroling this Sunday, December 21. We will go in two groups if there are enough youth present, otherwise we will all go together. CYFers are asked to watch for a letter you will be receiving this week for instructions as to what to bring and are to meet in the church kitchen at 4:00 p.m. Chi Rhoers will meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:00. CYF will have a party following the caroling at the home of Debbie Allen, 306 E. Maple Grove. Chi Rho will have a party after caroling at the home of Waller McGuire, 7712 Gathings Drive.

JUNIOR ADVENTURE TIME .. We will go caroling in the area of the church Sunday evening, December 21, Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Bring a 50¢ to 75¢ gift for exchange. Boys bring for boys, and girls for girls. The wreaths in craft will be completed to take home.

SOCK AND MITTEN TREE

Children and others have been asked to bring socks and mittens in their own sizes to place on the "Sock and Mitten" tree. These will be sent next Monday to our Cleveland Children's Home for Christmas. There is still time to bring your gift and to see how pretty the tree is becoming.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Either last Sunday or this Sunday children in Nursery through Sixth grade will bring home a Christmas Candle and a Worship folder. These are intended as a suggestion for family worship at Christmas. Please do use yours with your child and your entire family. Others who would like to have a copy of this service, which is a Christmas Birthday Celebration for Jesus, may pick up a folder on the window sill outside the south door of the sanctuary.

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Joyeux Noel                      Sheng Dan Jieh  
 Froehliche Weihnachten      God Jul  
 Buon Natale                      Sretan Bozie  
 Gelukkig Kerstfeest              Felix Navidad  
 Glaedelig Jul                      many languages  
    but the same meaning -

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

GREETINGS TO THE "CHURCH FAMILY"

The Christmas Card Tree in Fellowship Hall has additional greetings to the entire 'church family'. Since last week's listing, more good wishes have come from:  
 Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Merriman  
 Dr. and Mrs. James F. Ruble  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bret R. Young  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hunt  
 Mrs. Irene Cline  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bert W. Leversee  
 Mrs. C. E. Merryman

The Frederick Jenkins Family  
 The Terry King, Jr. family  
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kenline  
 The Ben G. Taylor family  
 The J. E. Weicker family  
 Lou and Jo Ellen Culbertson  
 Mr. and Mrs. Louis Culbertson  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Merrill  
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Truby  
 Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Plummer  
 Mrs. Mary Piatt  
 The Walter Keebortz family  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gerrard  
 Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith  
 The Harold Nordblom family  
 Mrs. Thomas Wunderlich  
 The Larry Barnes family  
 The William Wilson family  
 Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Breeden  
 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Mowery  
 Miss Ruth Yost

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CHURCH SCHOOL ..... 9:00

SERVICE OF WORSHIP..... 10:30

YOUR CHRISTMAS GIVING

Besides the special offering for our benevolent homes, the White Gift offering of food which was given during the service of worship, December 21, amounted to 129 boxes of bisquick mix and 31 other items of food. This was added to foods contributed by other churches for distribution to local families through the Martin Luther King Center.

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A brief Christmas Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, the 24th at 7:30  
 The youth of the church are in charge.

Officers Serving December 28

ELDERS: John Merrill; Hugh Rice

Alternates: Geo. Bruckman, Wm. Crouse

DEACONS:

Ross Nierman William Scheilling

Romane Cole D. Wayne Penny

Dempsey Weaver Jack Sauerwein

Homer Stevenson

DEACONESSES: Dec. 28, January 4.

Mrs. Herman Weber, Mrs. H.W. Crowder

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December 21, 1969

Church Attendance	362
Church school Attendance	183
Regular Church Offering	\$ 3336.20
Church School Offering )	509.19
Christmas Offering )	483.00
Building Fund	2.00
Exterior Painting	1.00
	<u>\$ 4338.89</u>

Amount due Memorial Trust Fund ..

\$ 4200.00

YOUR CHURCH ENVELOPES

Are in the Narthex. This is the last Sunday to pick up your box. Those remaining will be mailed out.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy is offered Mrs. Leland H. Higgins in the death of her brother .

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ogles have a new grandson, Michael Timothy Ogles, born December 13 in San Mateo, Calif.

Mrs. Watkins, mother of Mrs. Edwin R. Hall, is a patient in Lutheran # 484

Miss Cindy Yentes had dental surgery this week.

We welcome Wendell A. Guldin, 4826 Reed St. who placed his membership in our congregation, December 21; Mr. Guldin has been singing with the choir for several months.

CYF New Year's Eve party at the church at 10:00 p.m.

COFFEE HOUR TO HONOR RETIRING

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

The coffee hour following the worship service this Sunday, will be in honor of Mrs. Sarah Likens and Mrs. Martin Wagner, who have served faithfully for many years as our attendants in the Crib and Toddler's nursery. Mrs. Wagner retired several weeks ago. This will be Mrs. Likens last Sunday. She has cared for our babies for some 17 years. Be sure to greet them and express your appreciation at this coffee hour in their honor.

OPEN HOUSE FOR YOUNG ADULTS ..

(POST HIGH)

On Monday evening, December 29, Mrs. Ross Nierman and Mrs. Miriam Bixenman invite all our young adults (single and out of high school) to an Open House at the home of Mrs. Bixenman, 1810 Chartwell Drive, beginning at 8:00 pm. Come, stay as long as you can, or leave when you must, but enjoy meeting old friends and exchanging experiences since you last met.

YOUR CHRISTMAS GIVING - The sock-and-mitten tree was 'decorated' by the children with 33 pairs of socks, and 18 pairs of mittens. These were sent to the children at Cleveland Christian Home. Persons who were absent or who failed to give a special offering for our benevolent homes this Christmas are encouraged to do so, enabling the church to meet its \$1200 goal, and to strengthen support of our 'other family' in these homes for children and aging.

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NO YOUTH MEETINGS THIS SUNDAY!

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George Bruckman, Rick Hendricks, Ben Taylor and Kevin McGuire assisted in putting up the arches for the Christmas worship.





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